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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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**Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI)-
Publication of a Notice of the JMCI in English and local language
newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon/Vietnam.**

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith. This Ministry has rendered all possible assistance to the JMCI and has been in constant touch with the JMCI on various issues, including obtaining of relevant information from various foreign governments through the respective Indian Missions.

2. In September 2003, the JMCI approached this Ministry, seeking to publish a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in **Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam** for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of the inquiry. The JMCI had indicated that the alleged fateful journey of Netaji by air (culminating in the crash at Taipei in Taiwan) was from **Saigon** where he had arrived from **Singapore** after a stopover at **Bangkok**.

3. The format of the proposed Notice provided by JMCI was forwarded to our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Hanoi for getting the same published in leading English and local languages newspapers. Responses received from all the 3 concerned Missions confirming publication of the Notice in leading dailies in Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, have been conveyed to the JMCI and MHA.

4. After the publication of this notice, our Mission in Hanoi has now forwarded the feedback received from a **Singapore national (of Indian Origin)** who happened to see the Notice while he was in Ho Chi Minh City. The information furnished by him, which is summarized below, may be seen at **(F/ "X")**.

"One Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. He wrote a book called "Kojak Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His daughter Mrs. Judith Prakash is presently a High Court judge in Singapore."

5. Director (CNV) had suggested that before our Mission in Singapore is requested to make enquiries in this regard, we may bring the above facts to the notice of **JS (SEA)**.

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO-I)
January 8, 2004

DIRECTOR (CNV)

JS(SEA)

Grateful for your views of the advisability of our mission pursuing this matter.

I don't see any problems in doing so, provided its done in a sensitive manner!

Dir (CNV) manner!

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: Mass memorandum received by MHA from Netaji Probe & Research Foundation (NPRF) seeking intervention on issue of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into facts and circumstances relating to disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Dy.No. 6830/NGO/03- dated 19.12.03 (FR)

Reference U.O. note received from MHA, NCB Section alongwith a copy of letter dated 6.11.03 from Shri D.Biswas, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (addressed to Home Minister) forwarding therewith a Mass memorandum of the Netaji Probe & Research Foundation (**NPRF**) seeking intervention on the issue of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into facts and circumstances relating to disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. MHA have sought MEA's comments in the matter for facilitating the issue of a reply to the Hon'ble MP. The salient points contained in the representation of the NPRF are as under:-

- Four years have passed since the appointment of the JMCI in 1999.
- Office of the GOI like Ministries of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Defence, PMO have not been acting in the spirit of the assurance given by the Home Minister.
- The responses received by the JMCI to its requests made to different Ministries / Offices of the GOI are invariably delayed and evasive.
- The Home Ministry has withheld a few files from the JMCI on grounds of secrecy.
- The MEA is not making sincere efforts to help the Commission to obtain relevant files/ information on the subject from foreign governments like the UK, USA, Russian Federation, Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan etc.
- The representation seeks the Home Minister's personal intervention in the following matters:
 - Disclosure of all information in "classified" files in possession of the GOI.
 - Serious efforts by MEA to obtain all information/files in possession of foreign governments including files considered as "classified".
 - Immediate response to all requests/ requisitions of JMCI in respect of various matters to enable the Commission to issue its report within a reasonable time.

3. The Ministry of External Affairs has rendered all possible assistance to the JMCI and has been in constant touch with the JMCI on various issues, including obtaining of relevant information from various foreign governments through the respective Indian Missions. The following is illustrative of the action and efforts made by the MEA in the pursuance of various matters referred by the JMCI:-

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION/ASSITANCE PROVIDED BY MEA TO JMCI

- High Commission of India in London was requested in October 2002 to approach British authorities, following JMCI's request for assistance in accessing certain classified documents pertaining to Netaji that were likely to be available with the British Government.
- The Commission had requested MEA to approach the governments of UK, USA, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Ireland, Russia and all the member states of the erstwhile USSR, to make available all relevant documents in the possession/under the control of these governments, and/or in various archives of those countries. All Indian Missions in these countries were requested to seek the respective host government's assistance in this regard. The Missions were also requested to

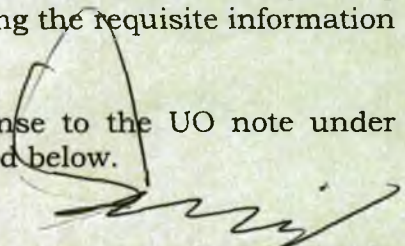
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procure lists of archives in their respective jurisdictions so that these could be provided to the JMCI. All responses received by the Missions from the host governments have been periodically forwarded to the JMCI.

- Indian Embassy in Moscow forwarded a response from the Russian Foreign Office, indicating that their archives did not have any material on the fate of Netaji. This was conveyed to JMCI accordingly.
- JMCI sought MEA's assistance in facilitating a visit to Taiwan to examine records pertaining to Netaji that might be available there. After detailed enquiry, MEA informed the Commission that
 - (a) No records of the 1945 period are available with the airport authorities;
 - (b) The Nam Mong Military Hospital no longer existed;
 - (c) The erstwhile Municipal Crematorium no longer existed nor were any records traceable;
 - (d) The Taiwanese authorities were not aware about any Bureau of Health & Hygiene and
 - (e) Holitu Military Hospital, currently known as the National force Beitou Military Hospital, has no records older than 1992.
- JMCI had requested for MEA's assistance in locating/accessing certain documents relating to Netaji in the USA. Archival material obtained by E/I, Washington from the MacArthur Memorial Library and the Truman Library in the United States have been forwarded to the JMCI.
- MEA facilitated JMCI's visit to Japan in September 2002
- Indian Mission in Tokyo arranged the JMCI team's visit to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where it is believed Netaji's ashes are kept.
- On the directions of the JMCI, Embassy of India, Tokyo immediately took steps to obtain expert advice to ascertain whether the ashes contained material that can be used for DNA testing.
- The Embassy located a Japanese expert- Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo, who agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA.
- MEA conveyed the particulars of the Japanese expert identified by our Mission in Tokyo, to the JMCI.
- In deference to the observations made by Smt. Krishna Bose, MP and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs, the Indian Mission in Tokyo sought MEA's advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and as to whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project.
- These issues were conveyed to MHA and advice sought.
- MHA, in response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert.
- Since the JMCI process fell under the purview of MHA and the role of the MEA was limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.
- MHA thereafter clarified that the 'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission'.
- Foreign Secretary personally wrote to Smt. Krishna Bose in August 2003, apprising her of the status of the case.
- The JMCI approached this Ministry in September 2003, seeking to publish a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of the inquiry.

- Our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam were requested to facilitate this request.
 - The JMCI Notice was published in all the leading dailies in these countries. Newspaper clippings of the Notices published have been sent to the JMCI alongwith feedback.
4. External Affairs Minister (EAM) had written to the Home Minister in October 2003, apprising him of the status of the matter and updating him of the efforts made by the MEA in providing the requisite information to the JMCI.
5. We may, if approved, inform MHA in response to the UO note under reference, on the above lines as per DFA placed below.


Section Officer (NGO)
January 9, 2004

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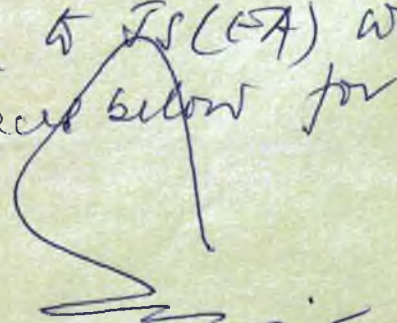
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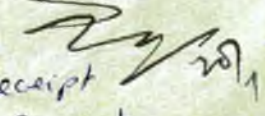
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Spoken to Dir (CNV). The draft letter has been shown to JS (FA) who has approved. UO note placed below for signature pls.


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DIR (CNV) has seen & signed the UO note
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(NGO SECTION)

JMCI letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/338 dated 24.11.03
[Dy.no. 6511/NGO/03 dated 28.11.2003] (FR)

Subject: Request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI)- to persuade the Government of Japan to get documents/ Information from the Government of Taiwan for the purpose of the Inquiry.

Reference **FR** placed below.

F/A' | The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) set up to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith, has once again requested this Ministry **'to persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan all the documents asked for'** vide its letter dated 27 November 2002 (F/ "A").

2. The JMCI in its letter of 27 November 2002 had conveyed that during its last visit to Japan, it examined one Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi as a witness. Dr. Yoshimi was the applicant who is said to have applied to the Taiwan Military authority for the cremation permit for the deceased Subhas Chandra Bose. As the Commission presumed that the original document on the cremation would still be in existence, it requested MEA to take up the matter with the Government of Japan and persuade it to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.8.1945 to 21.8.1945 and the Original Application for Cremation Permit filed on 18.8.45 in the name of Chandra Bose.

F/B' | 3. Our Mission in Tokyo was requested to do the needful in this regard. After repeated reminders and follow-up by our Mission in Tokyo, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs finally conveyed in September 2003 that they have been unable to trace the document (Cremation Permit) sought by the JMCI. A copy of the communication received from the Government of Japan in this connection (Japanese Foreign Office note dated September 10, 2003) was forwarded to the Commission vide our letter dated September 23, 2003 (F/"B").

4. Though not stated explicitly in its response, it is possible that the **Japanese Government** may have some constraints or even reservations in fulfilling this request- as the request from the Indian side is to procure the document/ information from the Government of a third country viz. **Taiwan.**

F/C' | 5. Moreover, given the fact that the Japanese Foreign Office had vide it's note dated September 10, 2003, clearly indicated that it was unable to find the required document, it is for consideration whether any useful purpose would be served by approaching the Japanese Government again. If approved, the JMCI could perhaps be advised suitably and also informed that alternative options (like seeking ITA's assistance) are being explored for obtaining the information from Taiwan.

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO-I)
January 16, 2004

DIRECTOR (CNV)

JS(EA)

Grateful for your guidance in this matter.

I am in agreement with the course of action proposed in para 5 above.

Director (CNV)

As we may check with DG ITA of the possibilities of locating any info. before we inform JMCI.

SD(NGO)

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Sl. No. [24] FR [Diary No. 652/NGO/04 dt. 03.02.04]
Sl. No. [25] Added [Diary No. 670/NGO/04 dt. 03.02.04]

"These are important documents. Dir. [CNV] may wish to bring them to notice of FS and EAM, along with a short summary."

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Joint Secretary [EA]
28.01.2004

Director [CNV]

"Pl. p. u. on file quickly. Also include ref. to letter rec'd. in response to our notice."

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Director [CNV]
30.01.2004


SO [NGO]

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SO [NGO]
30.01.2004

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Ref above.

2. The note bringing the contents of FR to the notice of FS and EAM is put up on next page.


[Sanjeev Bhati]
Assistant.
4th February 2004.

**Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)**

Reference letter (FR) received from E/I, Tokyo. The Mission has forwarded three sets of documents received from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in response to the request made by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to obtain records / documents relating to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

2. The first document [**Flag A**] is the copy of a note verbale from the Government of Japan **delivered to General HQ for Allied Powers in September 1945 regarding 'the reported death of Chandra Bose in an air crash'**. This document contains-

- Mention of "GHQ India being vitally interested in obtaining confirmation of the reported death of Chandra Bose"
- Itinerary of Netaji on the ill-fated journey.
- Data/ information relating to "the Death of Chandra Bose in the airplane accident at Taihoku airfield".
- Details regarding the plane, its crew and passengers.
- Detailed sequence of events and circumstances surrounding the crash- including treatment of Netaji, his eventual death and subsequent disposition of his remains (Cremation and funeral at the Nishi Honganji Temple in Taihoku).

3. The second document [**Flag B**] is the copy of an internal document prepared by the Japanese Government on the occasion of Shah Nawaz Khan's visit to Japan in 1956. This document contains -

- Outline of result of investigations by Japanese government.
- Lists of the name of persons who were examined.
- Itinerary of Netaji on the ill-fated journey.
- Sequence of events in detail about the crash and treatment of Netaji thereafter.
- Disposal of the remains of Netaji and articles left by him.
- Some sketches.

4. The third document [**Flag C**] **is the gist of a statement given by Doctor Tsuruta in December 1955.** Dr. Tsuruta, a former Army Surgeon had treated Netaji at the Manmon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital after he was injured in the plane crash. The interview describes in detail the sequence of events just after the crash and up to Netaji's cremation.

5. The documents received from the Japanese Government indicate that the alleged death of Netaji took place at Taihoku airfield in Taipei on 18th August 1945 in a Plane Crash.

6. MEA has rendered all possible assistance to the JMCI and has been in constant touch with the Commission on various issues, including obtaining of relevant information from various foreign governments through the respective Indian Missions. The JMCI had approached this Ministry through the MHA in September 2003, seeking to publish a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of the inquiry. Our

Missions in Singapore, Bangkok & Vietnam were requested to facilitate this request. The JMCI Notice was published in all the leading dailies in these countries. Feedback was received from a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) following the publication of this Notice [Flag D]. Similarly another response was received from a resident of Bangkok, who claimed to know some facts about Netaji (he stated that Netaji died in a plane crash but ashes in the Japanese temple were not his)[Flag E]. These feedback responses were forwarded to the MHA and the JMCI.

7. As suggested by JS [EA], in view of the importance of these documents, we may bring these to the notice of FS and EAM, before forwarding them to the JMCI.

Submitted please.

[Sanjeev Bhati]
Assistant.
4th February 2004.

Section Officer [NGO]

Director [CNV]

Joint Secretary [East Asia]

Foreign Secretary

External Affairs Minister

May wish to peruse these important documents. Thereafter, we will forward them to MHA+JMCI.

The documents provided by the Japanese Foreign Office (FR-I) should be of considerable value to JMCI.

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Further na pls. Rg
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Documents forwarded to JMCI by Registered Post + Speed Post. (Letter at S. 34, 35 in file).

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Mr
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- JMCI letter no. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426 dated 22 Jan 2004
[Dy.no. 1019 /NGO/04 dated 24.02.2004] **(FR-I)**
- DG ITA fax letter no. Tai/Pol/1/2004 dated 10 February 2004 [Dy.no. 817
/NGO/04 dated 24.02.2004] **(FR-II)**

**Subject: Request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI)-
to get documents/Information from Taiwan for the purpose of the Inquiry.**

Reference **FR-I** and **FR-II** placed below.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) set up to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith, has once again requested this Ministry for assistance in obtaining documents / information from **Taiwan** for the purpose of the Inquiry.

2. JMCI's earlier requests for obtaining information from **Taiwan** were examined in detail and put up to FS & EAM vide note on page 38-39 in linked file (Volume IX and X) and subsequently again vide note on page 5 ante of the current file (Volume XI). It was decided with the approval of FS and EAM, to request Director General, **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** to assist in obtaining the requisite information and documents. Consequently, a formal request in this regard was sent to DGITA on 25 November 2003. *F/c'*

3. A response has now been received from DGITA (**FR-II**), gist of which is given below:-

- JMCI's specific requests were brought to the notice of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan. The authorities examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City Government and other agencies and conveyed that:-

[a] The three original documents sought by JMCI, as listed below, are **not** available with Taiwanese authorities-

- The Record of Cremation Permits issued between 18-22 August, 1945;
- The application for Cremation Permit said to have been filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro; and
- The original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro;

[b] Photocopies of following **two documents have been provided**-

- **Page 531** of the "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (available with Ministry of National Defence) containing a lone reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in the sentence- "Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport".
- A letter dated 22.4.1966 from Taipei City Government [Bureau of Health] to Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying depositions of 2 employees working at the Crematorium.

[c] While pointing out that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation during the said period [August 1945], the Taiwanese authorities have informed that they are **not** in possession of any other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei.

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FR-I | 4. The JMCI vide its latest letter on the subject [dated 22.1.2004: **FR-I**], has indicated that 'it needs Ministry's assistance not only for obtaining requisite documents, but also for contacting the witnesses it wants to examine at Taipei' in connection with its 'intended visit to Taiwan'.

5. The JMCI has also stated in **FR-I** that:-

- it is seeking the assistance of private individuals/agencies/ organisations to supplement the efforts of this Ministry.
- it is writing letters of requests to Editors of 3 newspapers in Taiwan for publishing a notice about the proposed visit of the Commission and its objectives.

F/D 6. The "**Taiwan**" aspect of the JMCI inquiry was discussed and examined in detail earlier in August 2002 in the context of the then proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taipei. The **ITA** was requested then to look into the feasibility of a proposed visit by the JMCI team to certain sites identified by the JMCI itself. The team's visit was eventually cancelled.

7. The constraints in dealing with JMCI's requests vis-a-vis Taiwan were identified and spelt out in note on page 38-39 in linked file (Volume IX and X).

8. We may bring the above facts to the notice of **FS and EAM** before forwarding the documents obtained by the ITA from the Taiwanese authorities (as per para 3-b above) to the JMCI. This would no doubt supplement the exhaustive documentary material received from our Mission in Tokyo that was forwarded to JMCI on February 20, 2004. [Note on pages 7-8 ante submitted to FS/ EAM refers in this regard].

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO-I)
February 24, 2004

DIRECTOR (CNV)

JS(EA)

FS

EAM

The documents recd. from DG ITA, Taipei will be sent to JMCI after FS and EAM have seen. Meanwhile, JS(EA) may also please give his views/inputs on JMCI's proposal to visit Taipei and to publish a notice in newspapers there.

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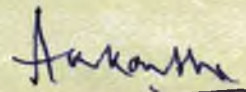
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Reference notings from page 9 above regarding the request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission Inquiry [JMCI] to obtain documents/information from Taiwan.

2. As JS[CNV] has suggested, documents received from DG, ITA, Taipei may be shared immediately with JMCI. As for JMCI's proposal to visit Taipei and to publish a notice in the newspapers there, it is suggested that we bring to their attention inputs obtained by DG, ITA, in response to the Commission's specific requests. Three original documents sought by JMCI are not available with the Taiwanese authorities who have now shared with ITA photocopies of two documents [notings on page 9 ante refer]. While pointing out that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation at the time of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose [August 1945], the Taiwanese authorities have informed ITA that they are not in a position to provide any other documents relating to the incident. In earlier communications, ITA had conveyed that the concerned authorities had not been able to locate the witnesses sought by JMCI. [The list of witnesses attached to letter dated January 22, 2004 from Secretary, JMCI may, however, be shared with DG, ITA for an urgent feedback]. ITA had also indicated earlier that the sites associated with the disappearance of Netaji [Taihoku Airport, Nam Mong Military Hospital, erstwhile Municipal Crematorium and Hokutu Military Hospital] had either changed beyond recognition or did not exist any more. ITA had also checked with the National Archives of Taiwan, National Central Library and the two newspapers of the period to find any reference to the incident of August 1945. No news report on Netaji could be located.

3. However, if JMCI were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan even after getting the above inputs, we need not come in the way of such a visit. I have discussed this matter with DG, ITA who is prepared to extend all possible assistance to any visiting team from JMCI. The visit of the JMCI team to Taiwan organized with the involvement of DG, ITA will be preferable to the Commission interacting directly with the Taiwanese "Government", keeping in view the sensitivities arising out of our non-recognition of the "Government" of the "Republic of China". We may, however, advise JMCI that ITA is a non-governmental office in Taipei and if there was to be any reference to the organization in their reports, it should be characterized as such. We may also advise JMCI that ITA will not be able to incur any expenditure on their behalf and, therefore, the visiting team will have to carry necessary funds to take care of the likely expenses.

4. Submitted for approval of the course of action proposed above.


[Ashok K. Kantha]
Joint Secretary [EA]
March 1, 2004.

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draft letter to JMCI

Annexure

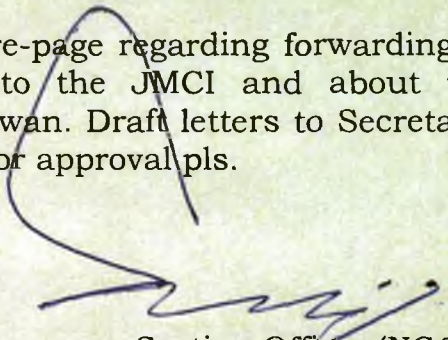
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SO(NGO)

**Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)**

Subject : Forwarding of documents received from Taiwan to JMCI

Reference JS (EA)'s note on pre-page regarding forwarding of documents received from Taiwan to the JMCI and about the proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taiwan. Draft letters to Secretary, JMCI and DG, ITA are placed below for approval pls.


Section Officer (NGO-I)
March 9, 2004

JS(CNV)

May kindly see before issue.

Rg
19/3

JS(EA)

Slightly amended for your consideration

Amended

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JS(CNV)

has signed the letters. Pl. issue


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Sh.H.

Sw. 56 issued.

No.25/4/NGO-Vol XI
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: News item published on 28.10.95 in the 'Statesman' indicating that 'the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan'- Details of subsequent developments sought by JMCI.

- JMCI Letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated 5.9.2003 (F/X)
- MHA Letter No. I/12014/13/2000-NCB dtd 15.1.2004 (PUC-I)
- E/I, Tokyo letter No. TOK/102/02/03 dated 9.3.2004 (PUC-II)

Reference letter (PUC-I) received from MHA.

2. In September 2003, we had received a letter (No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated September 5, 2003- F/ 'X') from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), drawing attention to a news item published on **28.10.95** in the '**Statesman**' indicating that '*the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan*'.

3. The JMCI's letter contained references to the 1995 news item about the 'composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc.' and about the opinion of two DNA experts- namely Dr. Michalle Holland from the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan from UK. The Commission sought to know the subsequent developments that transpired after the Government's reported 1995 decision to opt for DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji.

4. MHA was requested to send an appropriate response to the JMCI, **as** the JMCI process came under the purview of the MHA and the role of the MEA was limited to being that of a facilitator. A background note on the issue of DNA testing, prepared on the basis of information readily available with MEA, was forwarded to MHA (F/ "Y").

5. In response, the MHA has now conveyed that on scrutiny of available MHA records of the relevant period, it has been found that no Committee of the type mentioned in the news-item was constituted for the said purpose. MHA has also suggested that MEA send a suitable reply to JMCI.

6. MHA had also clarified earlier, the following points relating to DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji:-

- The appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission.
- Issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/ selection of experts fall under the JMCI's purview.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.
- MHA has conveyed suggestions received from Shri Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata underlying the following:-
 - (a) the need to ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect;
 - (b) that any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world, and
 - (c) that proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments.

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7. Meanwhile, we have received an update from our Mission in Tokyo on the issue of DNA testing (PUC-II). The issues raised in the letter are summarised as under :-

- In November 2002, 2 officers of the Mission photographed the mortal remains in the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.
- In December 2002, JMCI requested the Mission to arrange second examination by a competent expert to ascertain and decide whether GOI should be approached for bringing the mortal remains to India for subjecting them to a DNA test.
- The Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple subsequently protested that the said inspection of the mortal remains by the Embassy Officials at the instance of the JMCI, had deeply disturbed him. Mission has pointed out that the Chief Priest of the Temple (Rev. Mochizuki) had earlier cooperated with the work of the Commission when it visited Tokyo in September 2002 and at no point objected to the opening of the casket by two officers from the Mission. His subsequent protestations appear to have impeded further progress in the proceedings of the Commission.
- Smt. Krishna Bose, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs also conveyed her deep distress at the opening of the casket while indicating that she had no objection to the proposal, provided 'it is done with utmost respect being shown to the remains and polite gratitude expressed to the Japanese who have cared for them for 58 years' and that 'prior and proper arrangements are made by selecting top DNA experts in the world'.
- The Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple and former associates of Netaji have all along taken the stand that the Government of India should take back the mortal remains back to India.
- The Mission has sought Ministry to consider an appropriate modality for reviving the work of the JMCI and have the casket examined by an expert to determine whether there is DNA material left in the casket. It has been suggested that the test could be carried out of the remains and sample of a blood relative of Netaji.

8. Keeping in view the concerns and sensitivities of all concerned, the process of DNA testing would need to be undertaken with utmost care, while ensuring that the deepest reverence and respect is shown to the mortal remains of Netaji.

9. A draft letter to JMCI is submitted in the light of the inputs received from the MHA and our Mission in Tokyo.

Section Officer (NGO)
29 March 2004

DFA

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JS(CNV)

Pl. spk.

Rg 29/3

SO(NGO)

Spoken to JS (CNV) As discussed the amended draft letter is placed below for approval/signature pl.
Revised dfa may be put. Rg 29/3
SO(NGO) Issued. 6/4-25/4

JS(CNV)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol XI
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: Meeting sought by Justice M.K.Mukerjee with External Affairs Minister.

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), met JS (CNV) today morning, to discuss various aspects of the Inquiry, vis-a-vis information/documents sought from the Ministry of External Affairs relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. JS (CNV) apprised him of the developments and the progress achieved in this regard. She provided him with a summary of the replies/information sent periodically to the JMCI over the past few months.

3. Acknowledging the assistance and support provided so far, Shri Sengupta highlighted the following two issues, on which further follow-up was required:-

- Composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts
- Working out the modalities for DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji and examination of the casket/urn by an expert to determine whether there is DNA material left in the casket.

4. Shri Sengupta indicated that while JMCI was proceeding separately with the work of selection of DNA experts, MEA's assistance was required with regard to the second issue identified above viz. in charting the modalities for the DNA testing. **In this connection, he stated that the Chairman of JMCI- Justice M.K.Mukerjee has sought a meeting with External Affairs Minister at his earliest convenience.** He wished that a response in this regard be conveyed to him **by 10th April, 2004.**

5. We may request Director (EAMO) to ascertain the convenience of EAM to meet Justice Mukerjee and indicate a suitable date for the Meeting.

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO)
 31 March 2004

JS(CNV)

Dir(EAMO) may pls. indicate if EAM would be able to spare the time this month or later.

Dir(EAMO)

EAM has regretted in view of the forthcoming elections. He has suggested that a mtg could be scheduled after the elections. Dta.

J.S (CNV) SOC(NAO)

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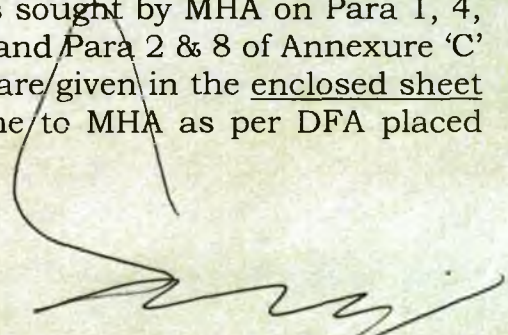
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Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject: Extension of term of Justice M.K. Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.5.2004.

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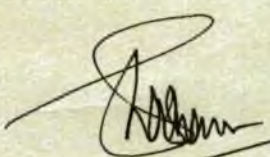
Reference note (FR) received from MHA seeking Ministry's inputs for processing case for further extension of term of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) beyond 14.5.2004.

2. Our parawise comments, as sought by MHA on Para 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12 of Annexure 'B' and Para 2 & 8 of Annexure 'C' of the Status Report of the JMCI, are given in the enclosed sheet (F/"X"). We may forward the same to MHA as per DFA placed below.




Section Officer (NGO)
6 April, 2004

JS(CNV) May wish to see pls before the reply is sent to MHA. Our note gives a status report on JMCI's requests.
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FS

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JS (CNV)

SO (NGO)

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(NGO SECTION)**

- JMCI letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-1/70(III)/08 dated 6.04.2004 (FR)

Subject: Proposed visit of a Team from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Taiwan

Reference endorsement (FR) received from Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). The letter is addressed to JS (IS), MHA and copy has been endorsed to JS (CNV), MEA.

2. Secretary, JMCI has in his letter, drawn attention to a recent Meeting he had with JS (IS), MHA. The issue of the proposed visit by a JMCI Team to Taiwan is said to have been discussed during this Meeting.

3. The "**Taiwan**" aspect of the JMCI inquiry has been discussed and examined in detail earlier in August 2002, in the context of the then proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taipei. The **ITA** was requested then to look into the feasibility of a proposed visit by the JMCI team to certain sites identified by the JMCI itself. Ministry's stand in the matter was conveyed to JMCI vide letter dated 23.9.2002 (F/ "X"). The team's visit was however cancelled eventually. The constraints in dealing with JMCI's requests vis-a-vis Taiwan were identified and spelt out in Section's note on page 38-39 in linked file (Noting portion) (Volume IX and X). It was decided with the approval of **FS and EAM**, to request Director General, India-Taipei Association (**ITA**) to assist in obtaining the requisite information and documents. A formal request in this regard was sent to DGITA on 25 November 2003.

4. Subsequently thereafter, JMCI's latest request for facilitating a visit to "**Taiwan**" was examined vide JS(EA)'s note on page 11 ante of the current file (Volume XI). A response was sent to Secretary, JMCI on March 15, 2004. (S.no.56- Flag "Y"). It was conveyed therein that if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA would be requested to extend all possible assistance to any visiting JMCI team. In view of the sensitivities involved, the Commission was requested to avoid public mention of the assistance being sought from the India-Taipei Association (ITA) as it was a non-governmental office in Taipei. It was also pointed out that as a non-governmental office, **ITA** will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of a visiting JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of likely expenses.

5. Secretary, JMCI in his letter dated 6.4.2004 (FR), has sought to know "the nature and extent of the logistics arrangements in Taipei and confirmation as to whether logistics arrangements include- reservation of hotel accommodation; providing transport and interpretation facilities". The Commission has also queried and sought clarification about the funding aspect of the proposed visit to Taiwan before it takes a final decision in the matter.

6. We may seek JS (EA)'s considered opinion and inputs in the matter before responding to JMCI and MHA.

Submitted pls.

DIRECTOR (CNV)

JS (EA)

Section Officer (NGO-I)
April 16, 2004

May Mr. advise on para 5 above.

Reference Director(CNV)'s query on the previous page regarding the proposed visit of a team from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Taiwan.

2. It is confirmed that ITA, Taipei will be able to assist in making the necessary logistical arrangements, including reservations of hotel accommodation, transport and interpretation in Taipei, subject to the condition that payment will be made directly by the visiting JMCI team. ITA can provide estimates of likely expenses to JMCI, if the latter so desires.

3. We have no objection from the political angle to expenditure being incurred specifically on account of visit to Taiwan out of the funds placed at the disposal of the JMCI by the Government of India. We are, however, unable to comment on whether or not the Commission would need specific sanction of MHA to incur such an expenditure.

4. As has been conveyed earlier, we may advise JMCI that ITA will not be able to incur any expenditure on their behalf and, therefore, the visiting team will have to carry necessary funds to take care of the likely expenses. The JMCI should also refrain from giving any unnecessary publicity to the visit of its team to Taipei. We may also reiterate our advice that ITA is non-governmental office in Taipei and if there is any reference to the organization in the Commission's reports, it should be characterized as such.

Ashok K. Kantha
(Ashok K. Kantha)
Joint Secretary(EA)
April 19, 2004

Director(CNV)

Issue letter to him, JMCI and keep it. Re-submitted file as I have to do a note on letter for Durbin Wagg.
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Letter issued. Copy kept in file. File is re-submitted pls.
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DIR(CNV)

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Secret

Ministry of External Affairs
[CNV Division]

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) into alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Reference FR from Ambassador Mani Tripathi dated 9th April, 2004 on his meeting with Rev. Mochizuki, Head Priest of Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. The Ambassador has suggested that the proposal for DNA test on the remains kept in Rev. Mochizuki's temple be agreed to. He has recommended that:

- i) Government of India issue a letter to Rev. Mochizuki suggesting a DNA test on the remains that are kept in his temple. Ambassador has suggested that if the remains are confirmed to be those of Netaji, we will have to address the request of Rev. Mochizuki to keep a portion of the remains before the casket is taken to India.
- ii) We request Rev. Mochizuki to hand over the casket to us immediately; it can be kept in the custody of the Justice Mukherjee Commission in Kolkata while a DNA test is conducted on a sample of the remains.

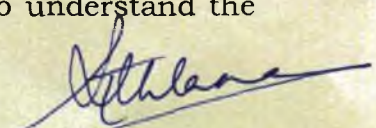
3. The subject of DNA test on the remains in the Renkoji Temple is on-going. It will be up to the JMCI to make a final decision on the matter. The JMCI had earlier requested Ministry for a call on EAM by their Chairman to discuss this subject. As the request had come just before the general elections, EAM had ordered that the meeting be postponed to post elections. What they wish to discuss is the modality and viability of the DNA test and who are the experts that are to be brought in.

4. As the JMCI is handled by Home Ministry, it is submitted that matters relating to the DNA test would also be best dealt with by them. MEA would, of course, continue to coordinate the international aspects of the inquiry, including the DNA tests.

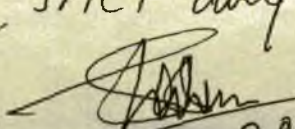
5. If approved, we may convey to JMCI the willingness of Rev. Mochizuki to allow DNA test to be conducted on the remains kept in the shrine, requesting them to consider the proposal.

6. We may also suggest to them that the Home Ministry probably has a better understanding of the requirements of the DNA tests. Therefore, they may wish to discuss the experts to be employed for the same and assure them that MEA will continue to support the JMCI with regard to the international aspects of the DNA tests.

7. Delay in submission is regretted as I was trying to understand the intricacies of the file.


(L.D. Ralte)
Director(CNV)
18th May, 2004

✓ FS JSCEA may also please see and advise
ref. with regard to A's ie points which need to
be taken up with Chairman, JMCI during his
✓ JSCEA meeting ~~just~~ prepared with EAM.


20/5/2004

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**Ministry of External Affairs
(Joint Secretary [EA]'s Office)**

**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry [JMCI]
Into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**

Reference Foreign Secretary's instructions on the pre-page.

2. As Director [CNV] has pointed out in his note, the subject of DNA test on the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo has a complex background. I would draw FS' attention in particular to letter dated October 16, 2003 from the then EAM addressed to the then DPM/HM and the background note on the subject attached to the letter [F/A in the linked file]. The primary question is whether the DNA testing of the remains should be conducted and if it is to be conducted, whether it should be done by Indian and/or Japanese experts, or by a panel of international experts. The criteria and parameters for selecting DNA experts would also need to be addressed by JMCI. Other questions like whether the testing should be conducted in Japan or India or elsewhere would need to be dealt with. It would also be desirable to take a view on the association of members of Netaji's family during opening of the casket and/or DNA testing of remains. It would have to be ensured that no religious or emotional sentiments are hurt in the process of taking out the ashes for carrying out the DNA test, and that appropriate Buddhist and Hindu practices are scrupulously adhered to.

3. The JMCI process falls under the purview of MHA and the role of MEA is limited to being that of a facilitator, particularly for coordinating the international aspects of the work of the Commission. MHA have, however, taken the view that the issues relating to DNA testing, including determination of its feasibility and selection of experts, fall under JMCI's purview, and that JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, can be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan. MHA have taken the position in the past that it is not necessary for them to convene a formal inter-ministerial meeting to consider these issues.

4. Notwithstanding the fact that it is indeed for JMCI to take a final decision on the issues relating to DNA testing of the remains, any suggestion by the Commission or others of Government apathy or lack of cooperation would attract criticism. Similarly, any failure by JMCI in implementing its decisions or observing appropriate procedures and customs while opening the casket or taking out the ashes may be seen as a failure of the Government to assist the Commission appropriately or may lead to a controversy in India or Japan. Accordingly, it will not be advisable for GOI to shift the entire responsibility to JMCI. As and when necessary, we would have to step in and render the necessary assistance and advice to the Commission.

5. I would recommend the following course of action for consideration:

- i) We may convey to JMCI the willingness of Rev. Mochizuki, Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, to allow DNA testing on the remains in his custody. We may also convey to JMCI

that GOI would have to make a formal request for conducting the DNA test if the Commission wished that such a test be undertaken. After the DNA test has been conducted and the remains are confirmed to be those of Netaji, the casket containing the ashes would be handed over to India while the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple would like to be allowed to keep a portion of the remains in the Temple in Tokyo. We may also bring to the Commission's attention sensitivities involved in opening of the casket and taking out the remains for testing. We may request JMCI to consider the suggestion regarding the testing of the remains and let us know their decision in the matter.

- ii) It is suggested that at this stage, we need not consider the alternative recommended by Ambassador Tripathi, that is, Rev. Mochizuki be requested to hand over the casket to us immediately. Given the sensitivity involved, it would not be advisable to seek the transfer of the casket while the enquiry of the Commission is still underway and it has not been confirmed that the remains are indeed of Netaji.
- iii) If the Chairman of JMCI is keen, EAM may consider receiving him after the proposal received from Rev. Mochizuki has been conveyed to the Commission. The meeting may, inter alia, be utilised to discuss the following:
- Convey our assurance of support and cooperation to JMCI;
 - Convey that while the JMCI process falls under the purview of MHA, MEA would continue to act as a facilitator by coordinating the international aspects of the inquiry;
 - Apprise JMCI of various sensitivities involved in the DNA testing of remains (reference: paragraph 2 above) and request the Commission to take a view in the matter; and
 - If the Chairman of JMCI seeks the GOI's assistance in identification of experts for carrying out the DNA testing, etc., we may offer to convey the request to MHA which will be the nodal point for extending necessary assistance. (If such a request is received from JMCI, we will have to persuade MHA to convene an inter-ministerial meeting to discuss issues relating to DNA testing of the remains.)

6. Submitted for consideration, please.

Ashok K. Kantha
[Ashok K. Kantha]
Joint Secretary [EA]
May 22, 2004.

Ref. Question of Netaji's remains. In view of 'A' above, I have this note prepared for EAM's background information. We shall then convey to JMCI as proposed above.

Director (CEAMD) EAM has approved
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Ministry of External Affairs
[CNV Division]

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Vide FR, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) have again reiterated their request for a call on EAM by their Chairman.

2. As ordered, I have written to the Secretary, JMCI, informing them of the willingness of the Head Priest at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to have DNA test conducted on the remains kept in his temple. EAM had ordered that once the Justice Mukherjee Commission had decided to go ahead with the DNA test, he could then meet with the Chairman.

3. The Commission are keen to discuss the modalities for the DNA test. We may, therefore, request EAM to indicate a suitable time, some time in mid-June, for a call on him by the Chairman of the Commission.

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(L.D. Ralte)
Director(CNV)
1 June 2004

JS(EA)

Anantha ... 3/6

~~ES~~ May like to indicate convenient time for EAM to meet Justice Mukherjee, Chairman of the Committee looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji. We shall then submit background paper and some briefing before the meeting.

5/6/2004

Dir(EAM) EAM has approved 1600 hrs of June 25, 2004 for the meeting.

8/6

JS(EA)

Anantha

Dir(CNV) For info. & on file

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Reference - FR

As desired, the file is submitted
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Ministry of External Affairs
[CNV Division]


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Placed below is Record of Discussions on the call on EAM by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Retired Judge of Supreme Court of India), Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry at 1630 hrs on 25 June 2004.

2. JS(EA) has sent instructions to our Mission in Tokyo not to send a representative at the 18 August annual function at Renkoji Temple.

3. Message has also been issued to E/I Moscow to organize Justice Mukherjee's visit there in July or September. Details are being obtained from the Commission with regard to the documents that are required to be perused in the US.

4. For approval please.


(L.D. Ralte)
Director (CNV)
28 June 2004

JS(EA)

EAM

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Dir (CNV)

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As desired, the file is submitted please.
All the relevant docs have been flagged. F/X
mentions about the latest position.

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SO(NW)

JS(FA)

Dir(CNV) wish to see the file. It can be
re-submitted to me as I have not responded to FA.

18/8

T-129/JS(FA)/04
18.8.04

SO(NW)

File was shown to Dir(CNV) today,
and action on a separate issue is being taken
separately (Update & Status Report to JMC2).

File is re-submitted to JS(FA) please.

18/8

JS(FA)

The latest position on the question of DNA
testing of the mortal remains is not clear from this
file. Has there been any progress after Chairman
JMC1's meeting with EAM on June 25, 2004? SO(NW)
may please speak.

15/8

T-147/JS(FA)/04
21.8.04

SO(NW)

There have been no new developments
after the June meeting. Dir(CNV) had given
his comments with regard to the points raised by
our Ambassador in Berlin, as per note dated
26/8/04. Submitted pls.

JS(FA)

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[CNV Division]**

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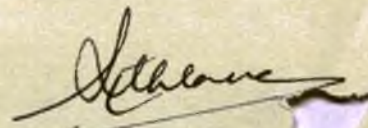
Reference JS(EA)'s comment on FR on the subject of the wish of Mrs. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, for closure of the question relating to her father's death/disappearance.

2. We would fully appreciate the wish of the daughter for a closure on the matter. However, the issue is no longer a private matter as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is a public figure of national importance.

3. As JS(EA) is aware, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) has indicated their willingness to conduct DNA tests on the mortal remains at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The DNA tests could prove to be the way to closure or alternatively, it could also fuel the controversy further.

4. Acceptance by the family members, as indicated by Ambassador, of the ashes at the temple as they are without testing would perhaps be the best option.

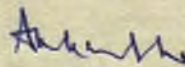
5. JS(EA) is aware that EAM has already deposed before the JMCI clearly stating that he believes that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is no more. Information from Ambassador that present RM is also of this view could perhaps help lead to a political decision for a closure on the matter as suggested by Mrs. Pfaff, who should really have the greatest say in spite of my observation at para 2 above.



(L.D. Ralte)
Director (CNV)
26 August 2004

JS(EA)

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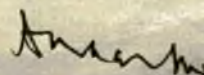

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File including previous letter received from Ambassador in Berlin is submitted herewith please.

JS(EA)

Letter unmg.



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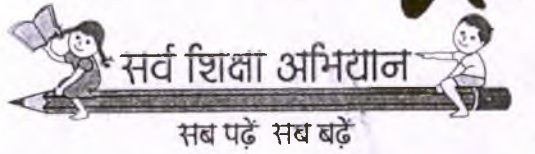
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No.25/4/NGO-XI

September 25, 2004

Kindly refer to your letter No.TOK/102/2/03 dated September 8, 2004 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

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Yours sincerely,

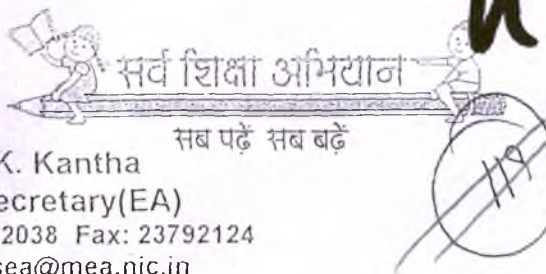
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No.ToK/102/2/03

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My dear Ashok,

This has reference to Ambassador Rangachari's two self-explanatory letters dated 8th July and 11th August, 2004 [copies enclosed] addressed to you.

2. Your attention is invited in this connection to Ambassador Tripathi's letter of even number dated 9th April, 2004 [copy enclosed] addressed to former Foreign Secretary Shashank summarizing recent developments relating to the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and recommending a course of action that would, in our view, conclusively bring to an end the controversy about the ashes in the custody of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

3. Kindly let us know if the Ministry has since taken a view on our recommendation contained in Ambassador's Tripathi's letter mentioned above.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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My dear Shashank,

Rev.Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where remains said to be of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are kept, called on me today at his request.

2. Mochizuki recalled the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission and enquires made by it in Tokyo in September 2002. He said his understanding was that two previous Commissions of Enquiry had conclusively determined that the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo were indeed those of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Even so, he had welcomed and co-operated with the Justice Mukherjee Commission in its deliberations at the Renkoji Temple and in Tokyo. He had done so in the hope that a final determination would be made that the remains were those of Netaji so that the casket containing them could be returned to India.

3. Mochizuki said that the members of the Bose Academy [comprising former associates of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in Japan] had unfortunately created a misunderstanding. This had prevented the proposed DNA test which would have facilitated a final conclusion. He also said he had come to meet me without informing the members of the Bose Academy* and requested that his conversation with me be kept confidential.

4. Mochizuki made the following submissions with regard to the matter under discussion:

[i] Even though he had some reservations from a spiritual angle, he would have no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody.

* Mochizuki's assertion that he came to meet me without the knowledge of the Bose Academy is somewhat strange because his visit was fixed through a phone call from a member of the Academy, Mr.Okuda, who was an Intelligence Officer attached to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Prior to the meeting, Okuda conveyed to DCM that Mochizuki would suggest that India should formally propose a DNA test on the contents of the casket. Mochizuki's strange misrepresentation in the matter appears to be part of a pattern of behaviour on his part which was evidenced again in the meeting.

[ii] Government of India should make a formal request for conducting such a DNA test.

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5. I feel that Rev.Mochizuki's proposal should receive serious consideration.

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7. As pointed out to the Ministry in earlier communications, nothing could be farther from the truth. Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee had desired to open the casket when he conducted a hearing of the Commission at the Renkoji Temple in September 2003. This could not be done and he had conveyed clearly to Rev.Mochizuki that he would be requesting Embassy officials to do the needful after the departure of the Commission from Tokyo. Rev.Mochizuki co-operated fully with the two officials when they inspected and photographed the remains in the casket. His subsequent objection was, therefore, somewhat surprising and appears to be an after thought.

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9. In view of what Rev.Mochizuki has conveyed to me, I would recommend the following alternative courses of action:

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With regards

Yours sincerely,

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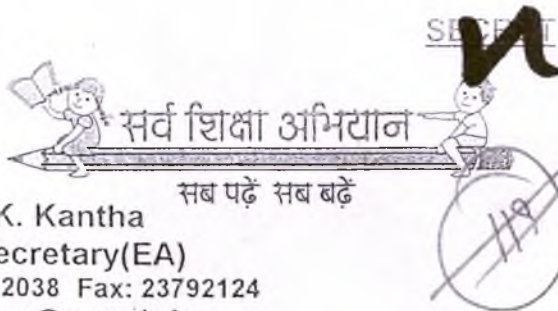
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Please refer to this Ministry U.O of even No. dated 1.4.04 enclosing therewith a copy of JMCI d.o.letter No.JMCI/DOC(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518 Dated 25.3.04 reg. obtaining of a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten.

It is requested that an Action Taken Report in the matter may kindly be expedited to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry under intimation to this Ministry.

(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

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Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi
(Ms.Ruchi Ghanshyam, JS(CNV))

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Call on EAM by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Retired Judge of Supreme Court of India), Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry at 1630 hrs on 25 June 2004.

EAM welcomed Justice Mukherjee and recalled that he had deposed for the Commission a few years back. He assured Justice Mukherjee that the Commission would receive his personal and MEA's full support in their endeavours including with regard to the DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji believed to be kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. Justice Mukherjee thanked EAM for his time. He expressed his gratitude at the support given by MEA both in India and at the Indian Missions abroad. He said that presently there were two important issues that were being dealt with by the Commission. One was examination of some Russians who had written articles on Netaji who was in contact with Dr. (Mrs) Purabi Roy and some others. He handed over the list of these Russians and requested that MEA facilitate examination of these witnesses. One Professor Rybakov from the Institute of Oriental Studies had conveyed his willingness to organize a meeting of Russian scholars engaged in the study of Netaji with the Commission. If possible, he wanted to visit Moscow within the month of July. If this was not possible, he would be able to go after 23 August, 2004.

3. The other was the issue of the alleged "mortal remains" of Netaji which were at the Renkoji Temple in Japan. He said that the DNA laboratories at Kolkata and Hyderabad had now acquired capacity to do the necessary tests. The Commission had obtained DNA samples of two family members on either side of the lineage which could be used for comparison. The Commission had also identified a Japanese expert who was willing to support the Commission and they were presently in correspondence. The photos taken by representative from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo of the mortal remains showed that there was a large portion of the jaw bone and some teeth. This would allow morphological testing which would indicate whether or not the remains were that of a male or a female and also as to the age of the remains.

4. EAM said that our Embassy in Moscow would be instructed immediately to study the possibility of organizing the meeting of the scholars on Netaji at the time indicated by the Hon'ble Chairman. With regard to DNA testing, he said that the Commission was welcome to do the testing anywhere depending on their convenience. MEA would continue to give its full support.

5. Justice Mukherjee said that there was one other matter regarding the alleged mortal remains at Renkoji Temple. 18 August is celebrated as an annual function to commemorate Netaji, and several prominent people including the relatives of Netaji were planning to attend the function this year. However, in view of the delicate nature of the issue, he would request that there be no representative from the Indian Mission in Tokyo at the function.

EAM said that the Mission would be directed not to involve itself in anyway with the function.

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6. Justice Mukherjee added that the Americans have offered to show to the Commission some documents. He requested EAM to depute someone from our Mission in Washington to look at these documents being offered by the Americans. As he did not have the details in Delhi, he would ask the Member Secretary of the Commission to forward the same.

7. EAM said that the last two items would not be difficult and he would have messages sent immediately to our Missions. He added that a very graphic account of Netaji's death had been published by some writers but at the same time some others have also shown him to be appearing at Nehru's death. He also recalled that Netaji was the one who coined the phrase "Father of the Nation".

8. The meeting ended with pleasantries.

9. While Justice Mukherjee came alone, EAM was ^{assisted} supported by S/Shri Ashok Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA), L.D. Ralte, Director (CNV) and R. Venu, Director (EAMO).


(L.D. Ralte)
Director (CNV)

New Delhi, 28 June 2004

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D O. No JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93

June 28, 2004

Dear

Sri Ralle,

Apropos the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission had with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs in New Delhi on 25.6.04 in course of which you, Shri Asoke Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA) & Shri R.Venu, Director (EAMO) were present, I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary action to resolve the following pending issues to enable the Commission to complete its inquiry without any avoidable delay:-

- 1) Visit of the Commission to Russia for examination of witnesses and documents in different archives of Russian Federation. The witnesses whose names and addresses are available to this Commission are as follows :-

1. Mr. E N Komorov
 Sr. Research Professor
 Institute of Oriental Studies
 Academy of Sciences, Moscow
2. Mr. A Kolesnikov
 A former Major of the Warsaw Pact
3. Mr. A V. Raikov
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4. Mr. U L Kuznets
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5. Mr. A V. Turadzeve
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The archives in which relevant documents are, according to some of the deponents before the Commission and also documents in the possession of the Commission, likely to be available, are as follows :-

- a The archives of the FSB, previously known as KGB;
- b Other official archives in Moscow, Paddolsk, Omsk and Irkutsk

2) DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji Temple

In this connection, your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 31.5.04 and my d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2000-2003/83(iii)/86 dated 17.6.04 in reply thereto may kindly be referred to. It may be intimated whether the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple has been formally requested to make available the alleged ashes to the experts who may be appointed by the Commission for DNA test of the same. The Commission may also be informed whether any reply to such request, if made, has been received.

3) Proposed visit to Taiwan

I would request you to kindly refer to my d.o. letter JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/83 dated 15.6.04 on the subject. In that letter you had been requested to kindly obtain information on the following points from the India-Taipei Association and transmit the same to the Commission for taking further necessary action:

- a Hotel charges for an appropriate suite for the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission and an appropriate room for the Secretary of the Commission for three days in Taiwan;
- b Transport charges in Taiwan;
- c Fees of an Interpreter for interpretation from Chinese to English and vice versa

The Commission needs the above information in order to furnish the Ministry of Home Affairs with the probable expenses of the Commission in Taiwan. It has been given to understand that the Commission will have to carry adequate fund to meet all expenditure in Taiwan. The Commission intends to visit Taiwan sometime in September 2004. As soon as the reply from you to our query regarding the probable expenses in Taiwan will be received, a detailed programme of the visit will be drawn up and sent to your Ministry and Ministry of Home Affairs.

4) To engage some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post Graduate class preferably of Law/History/Political Science/Economics etc. to do the job of archival research at various American Repositories of relevant historical documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

The aforesaid matter has been pending since long. In this connection I would request you to kindly refer to the second para of the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-IX dated April 22, 2003 of Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV) and its enclosure namely the letter dated March 13, 2003 from James J. Hastings, Director, Textual Archives Services Division, National Archives and Records Administration, U.S.A. addressed to Sri S.K. Behera, Counsellor, Embassy of India (Chancery), Washington (copies enclosed).

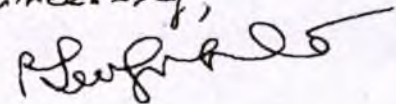
Subsequently, in reply to a letter dated 17.06.03 of Sri Jayant Prasad, the then Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Albert Thibault, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy in U.S.A., suggested that as a practical matter the Commission select an Indian scholar or Post Graduate student working in the U.S.A. to perform research work at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji. A copy of this letter dated June 23, 2003 of Mr. Thibault was received along with the d.o.no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.LX(I) dated July 15, 2003 (copies enclosed). After that, the Commission in its letter no. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-2003/70(Vol II)/188 dated 5.8.03 requested Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV), to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post Graduate class preferably on Law/History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

I am directed to request you to kindly request the Govt. of Russian Federation to give access to the Commission to the archival documents in the archives already mentioned and make the documents and records relevant to the point of inquiry available to the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As above

Sri L.D. Ralte
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110 001

D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93/1

June 28, 2004

Copy forwarded to Shri U. K. Kalra, Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001 for information

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(CNV DIVISION)
NEW DELHI**

FACSIMILE MESSAGE

June 29, 2004

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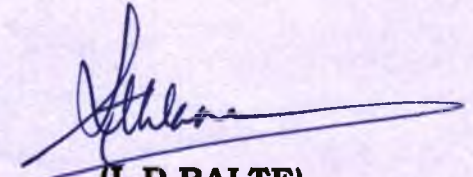
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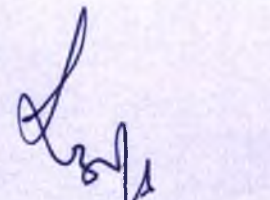
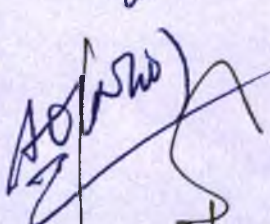
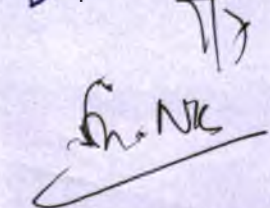
FOR SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
FROM
L.D.RALTE, DIRECTOR (CNV)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAX NO. TAI/POL/1/2004
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THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (JMCI).

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Best wishes

S.D. (108)

(L.D.RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

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L. D. Ralte
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

June 29, 2004

Dear

Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC/(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518 dated March 25, 2004 forwarded to us by the Ministry of Home Affairs, requesting for obtaining a copy of a '**Diary**' that is said to have belonged to Lord Mountbatten- the last Viceroy of India.

2. We had taken up the matter in April 2004 with our High Commission in London. We have again requested the Mission to expedite the matter. We shall revert to you, as soon as a response is received in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(L.D.Ralte)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/76.

Kolkata, dated, 10th June'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri U.K. Kalra,
Director,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
(N.C.B - II Section),
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's registered D.O. letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518 dated 25.3.2004 and the MHA's U.O. No. I/12014/1/2004-NCB-II, dated 1.4.2004, forwarding a copy of the aforesaid letter of the Commission to the Ministry of External Affairs, with the request to look into the matter as also to make effort to obtain a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten from the Indian High Commission in London for onward transmission thereof to the Commission as expeditiously as possible and to say that response thereto is yet to be received from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/76(1). Dated 10th June'04.

Copy forwarded for favour of kind information and necessary to :

Ms. Ruchi Ghanshyam, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001. She is requested to kindly expedite necessary action in the matter.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



L. D. Ralte
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

Dear Sir,

June 29, 2004

Please refer to my predecessor's letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI, dated April 5, 2004 requesting for obtaining a copy of a 'Diary' that is said to have belonged to Lord Mountbatten- the last Viceroy of India. This 'Diary' apparently has been referred to, in depositions before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. I would be grateful if you could expedite the matter and arrange to forward a copy of the said 'Diary' to us for onward transmission to the Commission.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Satyabrata Pal,
Acting High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
London

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L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV)

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No.25/4/NGO-XI

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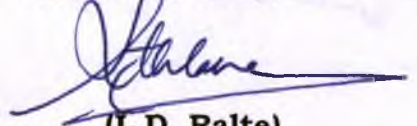
Dear Shri Sengupta,

During his call on EAM, Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee mentioned that there was an offer from some American organisations to give access to the documents with them to JMCI representative.

2. Justice Mukherjee had requested EAM to depute someone from our Mission in Washington. We shall be grateful if you could kindly give us details of the institute so that we can instruct our Mission accordingly. You may also kindly give us the kind of information that our officer should look for in the documents.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata.
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THE TIMES OF INDIA

History puzzle: Experts spot writing match

TIMES NEWS NETWORK | THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004 01:48:34 AM

KOLKATA: Two handwriting experts have found similarity between the handwriting of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and samples of writing collected from the house of Faizabad's Gumnam Baba.

The findings were disclosed by Justice Manoj K Mukherjee, chairman of the Mukherjee Commission probing into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, at the commission's hearing held on Wednesday.

The commission had sent both the handwriting samples to three experts — B Lal (associated with the St. Kitts forgery case) and NK Nag (director, state forensic science laboratory) Kolkata and Amar Singh.

Interestingly, both Lal and Nag accepted that some of the samples did match. Lal, a well known handwriting expert in an extensive report submitted to the commission has stated "there were basic similarities in the handwritings of Netaji and Gumnam Baba. Despite the time gap there are fundamental similarities between the two hand-writings in English. There are characteristic similarities. There is no evidence of any disguise or imitation. In the Bengali specimen, there were fundamental differences as well as dissimilarity in size and spacing, but some of them were written by the same person," Lal observed.

NK Nag's report too has similar findings. The expert found similarities between some of the Bengali samples received from Gumnam Baba's house with those of Netaji. Singh has, however, stated that the handwritings did not match as there are "distinct individual features". Justice Mukherjee, however, refused to comment on whether the findings could be conclusive. On the DNA tests, Justice Mukherjee said that the

Hyderabad-based laboratory could not form any opinion because of insufficient data.

For the test, tooth extract and blood samples were collected from the descendants of Netaji, including former police chief Nirupam Som, Forward Bloc MP Subrata Bose and others in the Bose family. Central Forensic Science Laboratory report states that the teeth does not belong to the same person. It found "no links with the maternal or paternal lineage of Netaji with the tooth extract found in Gumnam Baba's room".

A Hyderabad-based laboratory reserved its opinion citing "insufficient material for conducting tests." Sources said that the Hyderabad based laboratory had opted for nuclear DNA test which alone could give conclusive evidence.

The mitochondrial DNA test (performed at CFSL) could only hint at possibilities. Arrangements are also being made to conduct morphological test on the ashes kept at Japan's Renkoji temple. Rev. Mochizuki, the head priest of the temple has already given his consent on the matter. The commission is taking the help of a Japanese expert to conduct the test. Justice Mukherjee will be meeting the union home minister Shivraj Patil and external affairs minister K Natwar Singh regarding some "pending issues".

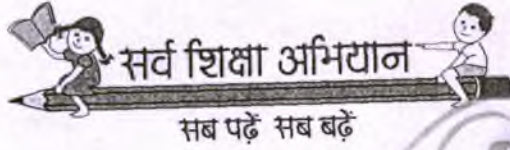
This includes release of documents related to an earlier attempt to obtain the ashes from the Renkoji temple during PV Narsimha Rao's regime, statement made by former prime minister Moraji Desai on the findings made by the Shahnawaz Commission and Khosla Commission.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

FAX

Most Immediate

From : Ashok K. Kantha, Joint Secretary (EA)
To : Shri M.L. Tripathi, Ambassador of India, Tokyo

Date : June 25, 2004

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During a call on EAM earlier today, Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose referred to a report appearing in 'The Times of India' (Kolkata Edition, June 22, 2004), regarding the "death anniversary" of Netaji being organized by the Indo-Japan Friendship Association in front of the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo on or around August 18, 2004. He requested that the officials of Indian Embassy should not attend the function since the disappearance of Netaji was still being probed.

2. EAM has directed that there should not be any participation or involvement of the Mission or its officials in the above-mentioned event.
3. We would also be grateful for a feed-back regarding the proposed activity.

Regards,

(Ashok K. Kantha)
Joint Secretary (EA)

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Confirmation copy by bag: along with a photocopy of the news report referred to above (copy is not very legible and hence is not being faxed).

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Conflict over crash date show

By Saugata Roy
Times News Network

Kolkata: Fifty nine years after his mysterious disappearance, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose continues to be surrounded by controversy. While the third inquiry commission investigating Netaji's death under Justice Manoj Mukherjee is getting ready to compile its reports, plans are afoot to mark Netaji's death anniversary in a plane crash somewhere near Taihoku airport in Taiwan on August 10, 1945.

The anniversary is being organised by the Indo-Japan Friendship Association in front of the Benkoji Temple where the hero's "ashes" are preserved in a wooden casket. According to sources, Netaji's daughter Anita Puri and her spouse, both Ger-

man citizens, former MP Krishna Bose and some others from Netaji's family are among the invitees. "They observe this day every year, and this time they have intimated me about it," said Bose, not revealing whether she will attend the ceremony.

Forward Bloc state secretary Ashok Ghosh feels the celebration is an effort at downplaying the inquiry. "It's a shame on our country. How can an Indian citizen accept such an invite when an inquiry is on? We will raise the issue in the Parliament. We have faith in the commission and believe that the findings will help unmask the traitors," Ghosh said.

Justice Mukherjee Commission has already received some intriguing leads on Netaji's disappearance that calls for an in depth probe de-



spite the findings of the two proceeding commissions — the Shah Nawaz Committee and the Khosla Commission. For instance, professor A. Raikov in an essay titled Secret of Subhas Chandra Bose's death published in the Asia and Africa Today journal (no.8, 1993) mentions that "two special groups under the officers of Intelligence

Service, namely Finn and Davis, were set up to investigate and make a detailed survey of the air crash. These two groups consisted of both British and Indian officers. The Davis group surveyed Saigon from where the flight took off with Bose for Taiwan. The Finn Group on the other hand, surveyed Bangkok. The reports were never made public."

Also, Purabi Roy, visiting professor, St. Petersburg University, after interviewing E.N. Komorov, senior research professor of the Academy of Sciences, Moscow, who was then doing a research on Netaji's stay in the USSR, said, "He [Komorov] clearly stated that Netaji was there and died there too. He also told me that the archives of the KGB could provide the answer," said Roy.

State refuses to stall work on block litigation B

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: Unfazed by ceasefire call by the Bengal Bar Council, the government is going ahead with the drafting of the Block el Pre-litigation Conciliatory Board Bill, 2004 for settling disputes and family feud at the grassroots. State law minister Nisith Adhikary Monday hinted that the bill would be placed in the Legislative Assembly session beginning June 30.

The CPM-led Democratic Lawyers' Association has decided to oppose the bill and attend courts on Wednesday.

"The government is indulging on the entire issue. In order to strengthen legal system, we need to constitute a three-member conciliatory board at the grassroots level."



Rising fuel prices trigger Trinamool 'agony' rally

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No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

June 23, 2004

FAX MESSAGEFrom: ITA, Taipei
To: Dir (CNV)

Shri L.D. Ralte from Vijay Gokhale

Reference your fax of 17th June 2004 regarding information requested by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. The requested informations are as follows:

- As per attached -*
1. Hotel tariffs for Grand Hyatt Hotel in Taipei is enclosed. The rates are subject to 10% service charges. The Commission may decide which suite/rooms are appropriate for the members and let us know for purposes of booking.
 2. Cost of hiring a car in Taipei is NT \$ 1400/- for 3 hours, for each additional hours the charges are NT \$ 300/hour. For airport pick up the charges are NT \$ 1200/-.
 3. Fees for interpreter, Chinese to English and vice versa, is NT \$ 12,000/- for 3 hours and NT \$ 24,000/- for 6 hours.
 4. Per diem DA in Taipei is US \$ 75.
 5. The exchange rate is 1 US \$ = NT \$ 33 approximately.

*Warm regards,**V.K. Gokhale*
(V.K. Gokhale)
Director General

As per request of Shri L. D. Ralte
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Background:

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up by Government in December 1999 to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. It is the third such Commission. Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry as far as creation and extension of the Commission is concerned. However, as much of the investigations carried out by the Commission involve obtaining of information from foreign sources and interviewing of foreign witnesses, MEA has been a major facilitator for the JMCI.

2. One of the central issues that is being looked at by the JMCI is the proposal for DNA examination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji that are kept in an urn in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. There have been questions relating to scientific feasibility of DNA testing of the remains as also issues relating to religious and other sentiments. The JMCI has obtained opinion that mitochondrial DNA tests may be possible after ascertaining the feasibility of separating DNA by conducting necessary scientific tests and evaluation. As to the latter question, the Head Priest of Renkoji Temple has recently confirmed to our Ambassador in Tokyo his willingness for DNA testing of the remains kept in his Temple.

3. The JMCI have conveyed their decision to go ahead with the DNA testing. They have also, vide their DO No.JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/86 dated 17 June 2004 indicated that they are willing to allow the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple to retain a portion of the ashes kept in his Temple if the DNA tests confirm those to be of Netaji.

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4. This issue has raised public interest in the past and certain newspapers had also erroneously reported that the GOI was setting up a Committee to carry out the DNA testing. A note on the background of the proposal for DNA testing of the remains at Renkoji Temple may be seen at flag 'A'.

5. Since the decision on conducting the DNA test and selection of experts to conduct the same are the purview of the JMCI, we await their next request. We have, in the past, conveyed MEA's willingness to help identify such experts once the kind of expertise that is sought is made known to us. Ministry of Home Affairs have conveyed that they do not see a requirement for an inter-Ministerial meeting to discuss the provisions relating to the DNA test itself or on the composition of the expert team.

6. Since JMCI have conveyed their interest in conducting the DNA test, we may convey to them the need to maintain the deepest reverence and respect for the remains and also the sentiments of the Japanese people and that the tests conducted should be by top experts.

7. The Commission has also indicated its requirement to visit Taiwan to make an on-the-spot inquiry. There seems to have been some misunderstanding of GOI's position that we do not recognize Taiwan as an independent country. Our requests to them to maintain this status and the need for distancing the India-Taipei Association (ITA) office located in Taipei from direct involvement with the Commission's visit may have also been misunderstood. We have conveyed to the Commission that the ITA will help with regard to logistics, information gathering and fixing of appointments, etc but

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unlike other Indians Missions, cannot make payments on behalf of the Commission, i.e., it can only act as a facilitating office.

8. There also seems to be some perception that MEA is not taking an active interest in requirement of contacting witnesses in the erstwhile Soviet Union. Our Missions in the region have continued to try and liaise with the listed witnesses but are constrained when the witnesses themselves do not respond.

Suggested Talking Points:

9. In view of the above, when the Chairman of the JMCI calls on EAM on 25 June 2004 at 1600 hrs, EAM may wish to:

- (i) Convey his personal and MEA's continuous support and cooperation to the JMCI,
- (ii) Convey that while the JMCI is handled by Ministry of Home Affairs, MEA would continue to be the facilitator for the international aspects of inquiry, and
- (iii) Request that the JMCI keep in view the various sensitivities involved in the DNA testing of the remains at the Renkoji Temple, including the need to:
 - a) include Netaji's family during the opening of the casket and/or DNA testing of the remains,
 - b) ensure that no religious or emotional sentiments are hurt in the process,

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- c) that appropriate Buddhist and Hindu religious practices are scrupulously adhered to.

10. EAM, if requested by the Chairman, may like to offer MEA's assistance in identification of international experts for carrying out the DNA testing and offer to convey JMCI's request to Ministry of Home Affairs who are the nodal agency for extending GOI assistance.

11. If the issue of visit to Taiwan is raised by the Chairman, EAM may wish to convey that India-Taipei Association will extend all support to the Commission including making necessary logistical arrangements, reservation of hotel accommodation, transport and interpretation subject to the Commission making direct payments to the concerned organizations in Taiwan.

12. On the subject of witnesses from the Russian Federation, our Mission in Moscow is continuing to make efforts to locate the listed witnesses. They have located one witness whose details have been conveyed to the JMCI.

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21 June 2004

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**BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSAL FOR DNA
EXAMINATION OF THE ALLEGED MORTAL REMAINS OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, BELIEVED TO BE
KEPT IN RENKOJI TEMPLE, JAPAN**

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up in December 1999 to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith- including whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive; if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged; and whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are indeed the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. By way of background, it may be mentioned that in February 1995, the Union Cabinet had considered the question of bringing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji from Japan to India. While deferring a final decision in the matter, the Cabinet had then directed that the dependability of the arrangements in Japan should be properly examined and that a contingency plan for the proper upkeep of the mortal remains should be drawn up.

3. Thereafter, in September 1995, Shri Ashish C. Ray of CNN who is the son of Netaji's elder brother, had proposed to the Prime Minister to arrange the conducting of a DNA test, which could provide conclusive and incontrovertible evidence as to whether the ashes at Renkoji Temple, are Netaji's or not. It was then further proposed that an international team of experts, one of whom could be from the DNA Centre at Hyderabad, besides observers from the Bose family and other groups, be entrusted with the job.

4. The aspect of security of the 'ashes' kept in an urn at the Renkoji Temple, was also considered and highlighted in the then Foreign Secretary's letter dated 19 June 1995 to the then Home Secretary. It was pointed out then that, like all Shrines in Japan, there is no security, except what is

ensured by the reverence and respect shown by the Japanese towards religious places. The door is normally kept closed though there is no guarantee that it is always locked. It was also stressed that the Shrine is not exclusively devoted to the ashes of Netaji and is visited by other worshippers. Any request from the Indian side to strengthen security was seen as not likely to be received kindly by the Japanese, as the Shrine is a place of worship open to all, and could also provoke the Japanese to suggest that the ashes should be taken to India.

5. In September 2002 a JMCI team visited the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan where it is believed Netaji's ashes are kept. The Embassy of India, Tokyo was requested to obtain expert advice on whether the ashes contain material that can be used for DNA testing. The Mission in Tokyo located a Japanese expert, by the name of Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo. The expert agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA.

6. In the meanwhile, Smt. Krishna Bose, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo, conveying that while she had no objection to the proposal, 'prior and proper arrangements should be made by selecting top DNA experts in the world'. The Renkoji Temple authorities on their part had expressed 'concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under Buddhist traditions' and had conveyed to our Mission, the need to observe proper formalities and notice from the GOI for opening the casket for DNA test, etc.

7. A meeting taken by Special Secretary (JSK) in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 20 May 2003 had discussed the issue of DNA testing of Netaji's alleged remains. MHA officials pointed out that blood samples of two sons of the elder brother of Netaji and one person from his maternal lineage, collected by the Commission had been sent to the DNA testing centre in Hyderabad. The Chief Forensic Adviser present at the meeting opined that material for a DNA test

can be isolated from un-burnt bones and teeth but not from ash. However to ascertain this, the contents of the urn containing the ashes, kept at the Renkoji Temple would need to be examined.

8. In the light of the observations made by Smt. Krishna Bose, advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and as to whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project was sought from the Ministry of Home Affairs which is the nodal agency coordinating work in this regard. MHA, in its initial response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert. Since the JMCI process falls under the purview of the MHA and the role of the MEA is limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.

9. MHA subsequently clarified that the 'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission'. MHA has also clarified the following points:-

- Issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/ selection of experts fall under the JMCI's purview.
- A formal meeting in MHA (with MEA and other concerned Ministries / Departments) to consider these issues is not necessary.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.
- MHA has conveyed suggestions received from Shri Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata underlying the following:-
 - (a) the need to ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect;

- (b) that any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world, and
- (c) that proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments.

10. Given the fact that this is a politically sensitive matter, there is a need to ensure that the concerns and sensitivities of all concerned are taken into account. Our efforts should be to ensure that the process of DNA testing is undertaken with utmost care and that the deepest reverence and respect is shown to the mortal remains of Netaji.

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Chairman, JNCI
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New Delhi, dated 21st June, 2004

Subject: Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
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Please find enclosed a copy of the PMO U.O. No. 915/25/C/3/2004-Pol dated 15.6.2004 enclosing therewith a copy of letter dated 3.6.2004 by Shri Debabrata Biswas, M.P. and General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc on the above mentioned subject.

Issue at Sr. No. 2 regarding Commission's visit to Russia, pertains to the Ministry of External Affairs. It is requested that your comments thereon may please be sent directly to PMO with a copy endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Encls: as above


(M.S. Zuha)
Desk Officer

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Subject:- Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Enclosed please find a copy of letter dated 3.6.2004 addressed to PM by Shri Debabrata Biswas MP and General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc on the subject mentioned above.

It is requested that MHA's Comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office by 20.06.2004.

V. Vidyavathi
(V.Vidyavathi)
Deputy Secretary

✓ **Home Secretary**

PMO U.O. No. 915/25/C/3/2004-Pol

Dated 15.6.2004



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03-06-2004

To,
Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of India
New Delhi.

Dear Dr Singh,

I am taking this opportunity to write to you seeking your kind personal intervention in the matter of finding out the truth about what actually happened to Netaji Sub^has Chandra ^{Bose} after the end of the Second World War – a matter of deep interest to and grave concern of the Indian People.

You will please permit me at the outset to give a brief resume of events which have led to the present situation on this matter soon after Japan's surrender to the Anglo American forces and the defeat of the Indian National Army led by Netaji Bose. It was announced that Netaji had died in a Japanese Military Hospital in Taipeh in Taiwan (known as Formosa then) on the 18th August, 1945 following injuries sustained in an air crash which took place earlier on the same day at Taihoku Airport near Taipeh. As from the beginning there were doubts about the ~~truth~~ ^{truth} of the said news, the then Government of India set up a Committee of inquiry in 1956 under the Chairmanship of Maj. Gen Shah Nawaj Khan of INA. This Committee came to the conclusion that the news as given out was true. Since the people of India were still not convinced, a Commission of inquiry with Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla (Retd) was appointed by the then Government of India in 1970 by the then GOI. This Commission also came to the same view as that of the Inquiry Committee set up earlier.

However, in 1978, a statement was made in the parliament on behalf of the Government of India, of which Late Shri. Morajee Desai was the Prime Minister, stating, inter-alia, that some new information was since been received as a result of which it was difficult to believe that



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Netaji Bose had actually died on 18-08-1945 as alleged. Subsequently the following developments took place:-

- (i) Government of India withdrew its earlier decision to bestow the award of 'Bharat Ratna' posthumously to Netaji, as it could not prove to the Supreme Court of India that Netaji had died.
- (ii) The Calcutta High Court, vide a judgment delivered, ordered the GOI to institute a fresh Commission of inquiry to enquire into the matter of disappearance of Netaji in 1945.
- (iii) The West Bengal Legislative Assembly had passed a unanimous resolution requesting GOI to arrange for a fresh inquiry.
- (iv) Members of Netaji's family and All India Forward Bloc had organized 'Netaji Chetna Yatra' all over the country in early 1999 demanding a fresh inquiry, which drew tremendous support from the people of India and a delegation met then Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee to convey this demand.

Thereafter, the GOI instituted a one-man Commission of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice M.K. Mukerjee (Retd Judge of Supreme Court of India) in May, 1999 to enquire into the matter of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in August, 1945.

We, as well as some members of Netaji's family, such as Shri. ^{Subrata} ~~Subhas~~ Bose, M.P. and Professor Chitra Ghosh (son and daughter of late Sarat Chandra Bose, elder brother of Netaji, respectively) have been closely following the work of Justice M.K. Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry and extending help and cooperation to it to the maximum extent possible. We are constrained to observe that the Commission's work is being hampered, hindered and inordinately delayed by the non-cooperation of the different Ministries of the GOI, namely, Home, External Affairs and Defence Ministries.



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While we shall seek a further interview with you when you have time to explain to you in detail how the commission is unable to work in a manner desired to come to a conclusion without any further undue delay, we approach you now to request for your immediate intervention in the following important matters:-

1. Commission's proposed visit to Taiwan

A department of the Taiwan Government, in response to a private enquiry by an Indian Journalist, had informed the latter that from documents available in the records of the Taiwan Government there were no documents to establish that Netaji was victim of an air crash in Taihokan Airport on 18-08-1945. A copy of the said communication was also sent by the post to the commission by the sender at commission's request. Naturally on receipt of the above information the commission desired to personally examine the available documents in Taiwan and sought GOI's sanction to visit Taiwan for the purpose. Surprisingly, the GOI is trying to discourage-to put it mildly-the Commission from Visiting Taiwan in various manners for example, the Ministry of Home Affairs has advised the commission that GOI " will not be in a position to make any payments ,on behalf of the commission. Payments for all service on Taipei, including Hotel accommodations, transportation and interpretation will therefore need to be made directly by the commission itself". The commission has enquired whether or not sanction of MHA is required for making such payments and has specially observed " if expenditure cannot be incurred specially on account of visit to Taiwan then it would be well nigh impossible for the commission to undertake visit to Taiwan". The MHA has not yet replied to the commission. You will no doubt appreciate that it is absolutely imperative for the commission to undertake the visit to Taiwan and we shall earnestly request you to instruct MHA to ensure that the commission can visit Taiwan instead of creating impediments in this regard.

It may also be noted in the connection that the then Government of India had made all necessary arrangements for Khosla commission of inquiry to visit Taiwan.



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2. Commission's Visit to Russia

It is suggested that Netaji Bose actually succeeded in getting into Russia in 1945, the story of the alleged air crash being a fake one. The GOI's positive help is being sought by the commission for access to the Archives of KGB (FSB) of the then USSR, GOI's help is also being sought through its Indian Mission in Moscow to locate the witness mentioned in the list sent by the commission to the MEA on 01-04-2003. There has so far been no response from GOI as in the above case, GOI's attitude is positively unhelpful.

You will also kindly appreciate that availability of Russian documents is very crucial and important to the commission.

There are quite a number of other issues which we shall like to bring to you notice at the next opportunity. In the meantime, we shall be grateful if you will kindly find time to intervene in the matters stated above.

We express our gratitude to you for granting us time to meet you at a short notice in spite of your pre-occupations. We are, of course, sure that you are as keen as the people of India to find out what actually happened to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in and after August 1945 and you are of the same view that people of India have a right to know what happened to one of the greatest sons of India.

With Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

(Debabrata Biswas) M.P.

General Secretary



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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)86

June 17, 2004

Dear *Sri. Ralte,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-XI dated May 31, 2004 regarding DNA test of the mortal remains said to be of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple of Tokyo.

I am directed to say that the Commission has already decided to conduct DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains kept in the Renkoji Temple of Tokyo and to request you to take further necessary action in the matter.

I am further directed to say that the Commission has no objection to the stipulation mentioned in the second sentence of the first para of your above-quoted letter.

An early reply regarding further progress in the matter will be appreciated.

With *Regards,*

Yours *Sincerely,*
P. K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Sri L.D.Ralte
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D.O. No. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-04/89/83

June 15, 2004

Dear *Sri Ralte*,

Please refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 30.4.04 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan for the purposes of its inquiry.

For the present, I am to request you to kindly obtain information on the following points from the India-Taipei Association and transmit the same to the Commission for taking further necessary action:-

1. Hotel charges for an appropriate suite for the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission and one appropriate room for the Secretary of the Commission for three days in Taipei.
2. Transport charges;
3. Fees for an Interpreter for interpretation from Chinese to English and vice versa.

It will be highly appreciated if the information asked for is communicated to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.

With *Regards,*

Yours *Sincerely,*
P. K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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*We have sent
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FROM : JMCI

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11.06.2004

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Officer on Special Duty

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Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/04 dated June 10, 2004 to state that the date and time of the meeting between Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs and Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission as indicated by the Hon'ble Minister (on 25th June, 2004 at 1600 hrs.) suits the Hon'ble Chairman and he would meet Hon'ble Minister in New Delhi accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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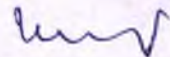
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Yours faithfully,



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Yours faithfully,

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Officer on Special Duty

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Most Immediate / FAX

L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV)

No. 25/4/2660/04

10 June 2004

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your DO No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/52 dated 27 May 2004 regarding meeting between EAM and Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission.

2. EAM has indicated that 1600 hrs on 25 June, 2004 would be suitable to him.

3. Kindly convey by return whether or not this time would be suitable to the Hon'ble Chairman.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.D. Ralte)

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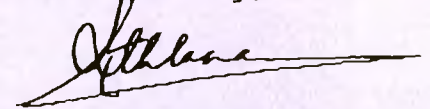
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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70(III)/70. Kolkata, dated, 7th June'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol,XI(III) dated 29.3.04 and to request you to kindly let the Commission know the latest position with regard to the witnesses named in the penultimate para as also to send "further inputs" as promised to be sent in the last para of your aforesaid letter to enable the Commission to take a decision as to whether it should visit Russia for examination of witnesses and collection of relevant documents, if available.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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June 3, 2004

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Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
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 4. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.05. 2004 to 31.05.2004.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry / Department / Office).

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.05.2004 to 31.05.2004)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.04.2004 to 30.04.2004 forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. The next hearing of the Commission is scheduled to be held on 23.06.2004 at 11.00 a.m. at the Seminar Hall in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007 and four witnesses have been summoned for their examination/further examination during the said hearing.
3. Response from the Ministry of External Affairs in respect of a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State, and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August (year not mentioned), as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London, sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, (vide the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/375 dated December 26, 2003) is still awaited.
4. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated November 12, 2003, the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to report to the Commission immediately, the present position of those matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry which appear to be still pending as also to send an

exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation excluding the names of the Archives of the countries in the Russian Federation already furnished. Further reports as called for are still awaited.

5. Further to the position stated in para 5 of the Status Report from 01.04.2004 to 30.04.2004 it is pointed out that the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to take necessary action for arranging the proposed meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, preferably by the middle of June, 2004. In this connection, the Joint Secretary has been requested to refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/517 dated March 23, 2004 and has been furnished with a copy of the Commission's d.o.letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/46 dated March 26, 2004 addressed to Prof. N. Saitou, Department of Genetics, National Institute of Genetics, University of Tokyo, Japan, which gives the latest development in the matter of selection of a competent D.N.A. Scientist for D.N.A. tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple, Japan. The particulars of the said Japanese Scientist has been received from Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad and Dr. V.K. Kashyap, Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata.
6. With reference to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/364 dated 18.12.2003 (Secret) and Top Secret letter No.I/12014/27/93-IS/D.III dated 29.12.2003 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/54 dated May 28, 2004 to send back their File No. I/12014/27/93-IS (D.III)-two files to the Commission by a duly authorised Special Messenger, as early as possible.
7. Further to the position stated in para 7 of the Status Report from 01.04.2004 to 30.04.2004 it is stated that the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in reply to his letter No.I/12014/2000-NCB dated May 14, 2004 has been

intimated that the Commission wants to make a single composite programme for visit to Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore and that until and unless clarification sought for in the penultimate para of the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/08 dated April 6, 2004 as also the reply to Commission's d.o. letter No.JMCI/Taiwan/2003-04/89/28 dated May 5, 2004 addressed to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are received by the Commission, it is not possible to give a reply to the aforesaid letter dated May 14, 2004 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, particularly the second para of the said letter and the Director (S) has accordingly been requested to kindly expedite the matter and send the requisite reply to the aforesaid two letters of the Commission to enable it to prepare a composite proposal for its visit to the aforesaid countries and forward the same to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

8. In Commission's d.o. letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/518 dated March 25, 2004 addressed to Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, he has been requested to kindly make available to the Commission as early as possible a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten, if necessary by collecting the same through the Indian High Commission in London, as the said diary is urgently required to be perused by the Commission in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the said d.o. letter.
9. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.

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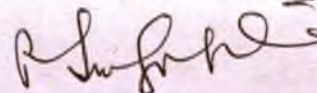
10. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg [as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission] is yet to be received by the Commission in spite of several reminders to the said Ministry.
11. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.03 addressed to Shri Vijoy Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the copy of the enclosure captioned, "Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers" bearing dated August 14, 1945 forwarded with his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated May 7, 2003 and he has been requested to kindly obtain through the Indian Mission in the USA authenticated copies of the (1) Proclamation, and (2) Instrument of Surrender which appear to have been enclosed to the original copy of the aforesaid directive bearing dated 14.08.1945. The documents called for are yet to be received.
12. Report of DNA profiling test of the teeth found in the alleged belongings of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad (vide Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/371 dated December 22, 2003) from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata, is still awaited in spite of reminders with the request to expedite the move.
13. Further to the position stated in para 13 of the Status Report from 01.04.2004 to 30.04.2004 it is pointed out that the sealed report of the third handwriting expert has been received on May 28, 2004.
14. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70(II)/446 dated February 18, 2004 addressed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the receipt of the two responses to the notice published in

Bangkok and Saigon (Vietnam) through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, were acknowledged and the Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to let the Commission know about other responses to the said notice, if any, received subsequently. A copy of the said letter dated February 18, 2004 was endorsed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for information and necessary action. With d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated February 24, 2004 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the communications (in two pages) received by the Indian Mission in Singapore by FAX from a local resident in response to the Commission's notice have been sent to the Commission for further appropriate action. Those papers have been perused and kept on record. No further response has been received.

15. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XI dated February 16, 2004 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been stated, inter alia, that reminders have been sent to all the Russian witnesses, as requested by the Commission; that Dr. Rybakov has been asked to convey his willingness and convenience for appearing as a witness before the Commission; that no material on the fate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was found in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB (i.e. erstwhile KGB); that the Indian Embassy in Moscow is ascertaining the whereabouts of Mr. Pechenko and is continuing its efforts to locate Mr. V.N. Plastun, Mr. A.A. Kolesnikov and Mr. E.M. Morosov, while a reminder is being sent to Mr. Komorov; that Academician Bondarovsky, one of the listed witnesses, expired last year, and that the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India would apprise the Commission "of further progress in the matter on receipt of inputs" from the said Indian Mission. Further progress in the matter is yet to be intimated to the Commission.
16. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/2002-03/70(II)/432 dated February 5, 2004 Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, who reportedly furnished some information to the Indian Consulate in Ho-Chi-Minh City in response to the publication of the notice of the Commission, was requested (on the basis of the aforesaid information) to kindly

send to the Commission a copy of the book, titled, "Kojaka Rebels" published by a Singaporean Publisher as also to furnish the Commission with the address of the son and the daughter of Mr. Gerald De Cruz, so that the Commission may officially approach them to elicit relevant information from them. The response from Mr. Pereira is still awaited.

17. Commission's Notice to the public has been published on March 19, 2004 in The China Post, a leading English daily of Taiwan, to explore the possibility of getting available evidence in Taiwan. In response to the notice, a letter by e-mail has been received from one NRI Indian based in Taiwan. Further response is awaited
18. Further to the position stated in para 18 of the Status Report from 01.03.2004 to 31.03.2004 it is pointed out that the copies of some documents referred to in the said para appear to have been sent to the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, with their letter No. 12014/13/2000-NCB.II/IS(D.III)(Vol.V) dated 06.04.2004 received by the Commission on 16.04.2004 which are being examined.
19. Copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 13.04.2004 and its proceedings dated April 16, 2004 have been sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends in respect of such of the matters as may be applicable to their Ministry/Department/Office.
20. The term of the Commission has been extended for a further period of six months with effect from 15.05.2004. The retention order of the sanctioned posts of the Commission have accordingly been sought for a further period of six months with effect from 15.05.2004. The said retention order is awaited.



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No.25/4//NGO-XI

31 May 2004

Dear

Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to the DNA testing of remains said to be of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. We have been informed by our Ambassador in Tokyo that Rev. Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where the above remains are kept, has informed him that even though he has some reservations from the spiritual angle, he has no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody. If the DNA test confirm the remains to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over to India the casket containing the ashes, but he would also like to keep a portion of the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

3. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry may kindly consider the offer of Rev. Mochizuki above. If it is decided to conduct the DNA test, a formal request will have to be made to the Head Priest. Once a decision has been made by the Commission, this Ministry would be happy to discuss the further steps that need to be taken. The External Affairs Minister has conveyed his willingness to meet with the Chairman of the Commission once the decision has been taken.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Kolkata - 700087.

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L.D. Ralte
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No.25/4//NGO-XI

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31 May 2004

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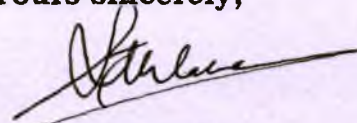
Thank you for your letter No.Tok/102/02/03 dated 9 April 2004 regarding the remains said to be of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. At this stage, it has been decided to only convey to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) the willingness of Rev. Mochizuki to have DNA test conducted on the ashes. It is felt that bringing the casket to India before the test may lead to further complications due to the sensitivities involved.

3. We shall keep you informed of the decision of the JMCI.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Mani Tripathi,
Ambassador,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.


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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/52

May 27, 2004

Dear *Smt. Ghanashyam,*

I am directed to invite your attention to your d.o. letter no. 25/IV/NGO/Vol.XI dated 6.4.2004 regarding arrangement of a meeting between the Hon'ble Minister of External affairs and the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission. Now that the elections are over and the new Government have assumed charge a meeting as proposed may possibly be arranged at an early date. I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange a meeting between the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs and the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission as early as possible, preferably by the middle of June, 2004.

In this connection, I would request you to refer to the Commission's letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/ 517 dt. March 23, 2004 in which the request for a meeting as mentioned above was first made (copy enclosed). I am also directed to send herewith a copy of the Commission's d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003//83(III)/46 dt. May 26, 2004 addressed to Prof. N.Saitou, Department of Genetics, National Institute of Genetics, University of Tokyo, Japan, which gives the latest development in the matter of selection of a competent DNA scientist for DNA test of the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple.

As the matter is very urgent, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

With *best wishes,*

Yours *sincerely,*
P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As stated (Two)

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/517

March 25, 2004

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

Speed Post

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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SUB : DNA TESTS OF ALLEGED ASHES OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE KEPT IN THE
RENKOJI TEMPLE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to this Commission's letter No. JMCI/CI/EO/2002-2003/83 (iii)/245 dt: 5 September, 2003 on the aforesaid subject (copy enclosed). No reply to that letter has yet been received inspite of several reminders.

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), of your Ministry in her d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol IX dt: 4 August, 2003 informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs had opined that the selection of DNA expert in India was to be done by the Justice Mukherjee of Inquiry. She further requested the Commission to select Indian and Japanese DNA experts with the consent of your Ministry "to facilitate the process with the help of our Embassy in Tokyo" (copy enclosed). In the earlier part of the same letter Smt. Ghanashyam informed that Shri Aftab Seth, the then Ambassador of India in Tokyo, had informed that the Mission had identified a Japanese expert for the purpose. With reference to that d.o. letter, the Director, (CNV), was requested to furnish the Commission with the name and further relevant particulars including credentials of the Japanese expert identified by the Indian Mission in Japan for the purpose of the DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple (vide letter No. JMCI/EO/200202003/83(III)/238 dt: 3 September, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed). Till now the Commission has not received the name and the particulars of the Japanese expert.

The Commission also contacted the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata.

Shri Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad, informed the Commission that necessary laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test does not exist in India. Dr. Hasnain, Director, CDFD, Hyderabad, was also requested to inform the Commission whether his institute could render necessary help and services to the Commission for preliminary

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examination including anthropological evaluation and necessary photographing for ascertaining whether DNA test could be done. A copy of the d.o. letter No JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83 (Vol.III)/420 dt: 20 January, 2004 addressed to Dr.S.E.Hasnain, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed. In reply to this letter, Dr. Hasnain informed that CDFD is not competent enough to provide help in the matter of anthropological evolution and necessary photographing of the ashes (vide his letter CDFD/DNAFD/2003/650 dt: 22.1.2004, a copy of which is enclosed). A copy of the d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/(iii)/379 dt: 30 December, 2003 addressed to Dr V.K. Kashyap, Director Central Forensic Laboratory, Kolkata, wherein the steps taken by the Commission for DNA test of the ashes were elaborately mentioned, is also enclosed to apprise the ministry of the steps taken by the Commission in this regard. In his d.o. letter CFSL(K)VI/03/01/002/Mukh.Com/195 dt: 13 January, 2004 (copy enclosed), Dr. Kashyap, Director Central Forensic Laboratory, Kolkata, informed the Commission that they were preparing a list of Japanese experts suitable for the proposed work and that the same would be forwarded to the Commission very shortly. But till now no name of Japanese expert has been received from him despite several reminders.

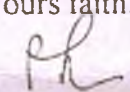
In this backdrop and keeping in view the possible ramifications of taking out the ashes for preliminary examination and anthropological evaluation for DNA tests, which, the Commission feels, only the Government can suitably tackle, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission desires to meet the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs for discussions to sort out, as early as possible, the problems of DNA test and find out ways and means for DNA test for the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple. I am directed to state that the Commission strongly feels that, in the interest of the inquiry, it is imperative that feasibility of the DNA test of the mortal remains should be ascertained and, if feasible, DNA test should be conducted on the mortal remains to ascertain the identity of the deceased with utmost dispatch.

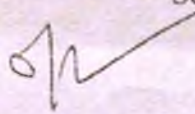
I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange a meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs as early as possible, preferably in the 1st week of April, 2004. The Hon'ble Chairman may kindly be informed well in advance the date and time of the meeting that may be arranged.

I am to request you to kindly treat this matter as **extremely urgent**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary





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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/ 46

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May 26, 2004

Dear Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a national leader of India, as the claim of some people that he died in a plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 and was cremated there and that his ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, is disputed by others. The points of inquiry before the Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

1. Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash.
2. Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

A recent inspection of the casket has revealed that it contains :

1. Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;
2. Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
3. A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments;
4. A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;
5. More bone fragments;

For a thorough and scientific probe into the points of inquiry and, for that matter, to establish the identity of the deceased this Commission intends to get DNA tests done in respect of the above mortal remains. Now the question is whether DNA tests can be conducted on the said mortal remains for the purpose indicated above if blood samples are made available from both paternal and maternal lineage of Subhas Chandra Bose. In other words, the Commission wants to know about the feasibility of DNA tests on the mortal remains for the purpose of establishing the identity of deceased.

Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, and Dr. V.K.Kashyap, Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata, India have highly recommended your name and furnished the Commission with your address and bio-data. They have also made the Commission acquainted with some of your remarkable achievements in this field. Both of them regard you as the right person for the nature of scientific work required to be done for the purposes of this inquiry. If

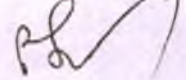
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intended DNA test of the said mortal remains is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and your terms and conditions for rendering your valuable services for this purpose to the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(P.K Sengupta)
Secretary

To
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May 26, 2004

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(iv)/ 51 (74)

May 27, 2004

From :
Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

Under Certificate of Posting


To
The Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 23.06.2004 starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Shri Swadhin Sanyal
2. Syed Samsul Zaman
3. Shri Nirupam Som
4. Dr. Purabi Roy

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(iv)/ 51 (74)/2

May 27, 2004

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India, 33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal; F-4, Cluster XI, Purbachal Housing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

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NO. JMCI/MEETING-PROCEEDINGS (FOLLOW UP)/99-2000/48(V)/43(4)

May 25, 2004.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
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Ministry of Home Affairs,
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 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 3. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 4. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 13.04.2004 and its proceedings dated April 16, 2004 for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters as may be applicable to your Ministry/Department/Office).

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

Status Report as on 13.04.2004 (forenoon) showing action taken on / compliance with orders/directions of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings.

1. Xerox copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 29.01.2004 and of its proceedings dated February 5, 2004 have been forwarded to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for their information and favour of taking necessary action at their end in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them.
2. A notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other parties concerned regarding the next hearing of the Commission scheduled to be held on 16th April, 2004 at 11.00 a.m. at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata 700007 and six witnesses have been summoned for their examination/further examination during the said hearing.
3. Response from the Ministry of External Affairs in respect of a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State, and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August, as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London, sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, (vide the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/375 dated December 26, 2003) is still awaited.
4. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated November 12, 2003, the attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV) has been drawn to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 13.10.2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and he has been requested to kindly let the Commission know immediately the present position of the other pending matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry as also to send a complete list of all the archives of the Russian Federation. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated December 12, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been stated that no information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is available with the Tajik, Central State Archive. Further report as called for is still awaited.
5. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/517 dated March 25, 2004 addressed to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245 dated September 5, 2003 and its letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/238 dated September 3, 2003 as also to the correspondence made by the Commission with the Directors, the Centre for DNA Finger Printing and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata. Copies of the aforesaid letters/correspondences have been furnished with the said letter of the Commission dated March 25, 2004 wherein

Government of India would apprise the Commission "of further progress in the matter on receipt of inputs" from the said Indian Mission.

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12. The particulars of eminent DNA experts available in Japan have not been received by the Commission from the CFSL, Kolkata.
13. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested in the letter dated December 26, 2003 of the Commission to kindly take all possible steps to ensure early transmission of all the five documents mentioned at para 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), 2(v) and 2(vi) of the letter No. 281/12/1/2000-PS dated November 13, 2003 of the Cabinet Secretariat. A reminder has been sent to the said Secretary on February 9, 2004 requesting him to kindly give the matter his anxious thought and take appropriate action to ensure transmission of the documents in question to the Commission with utmost despatch. Further development in the matter is still awaited.
14. Commission's Notice to the public has been published on March 19, 2004 in The China Post, a leading English daily of Taiwan, to explore the possibility of getting available evidence in Taiwan. In response to the notice, a letter by e-mail has been received from one NRI Indian based in Taiwan. Further response is awaited.
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16 Further to the position stated in para 7 of the Status Report as on 29.01.04, it need be mentioned that d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.XI dated March 15, 2004 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has been received by the Commission on 31.03.04, which speaks of the outcome of the efforts made by India-Taipei Association (ITA), a Non-Governmental Office in Taipei, at the request of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, for assistance, inter alia, in obtaining the requisite documents concerning the alleged air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945. The said d.o. letter further states, inter alia, : "the India-Taipei Association (ITA) has identified the following constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI :-

- "Visit to the operational domestic airport in Taipei is feasible only after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies.
- The Military Hospital does not exist any more, nor is anyone aware of where it existed.
- The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore.
- Taiwan's National Archives does not have any record of the crash of the military aircraft, which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it.
- The ITA's attempts to locate related records, documents and material information, from Taiwan's National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal authorities and the Airport authorities, have proved to be unsuccessful so far.
- There is no information as to whether the site of the alleged plane crash, the site of the Japanese Military Field Hospital, etc. still remain. It is highly improbable that these sites would remain, given the rapid economic development witnessed in Taiwan during the past fifty years"

and on the basis thereof, the Joint Secretary has observed as follows :

"The above inputs notwithstanding, if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA would be requested to extend all possible assistance to any visiting JMCI team. We trust that the Commission would appreciate the sensitivities involved and would avoid public mention of the assistance being sought from the ITA. The India-Taipei Association (ITA) is a non-governmental office in Taipei and if there are to be any references to the ITA in JMCI's reports, it should be characterised as such. It may also be noted that as a non-governmental office, ITA will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of a visiting

JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of likely expenses”

- 17 On being directed by the Commission, its Secretary had a discussion with Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on April 2, 2004 regarding some important pending matters including the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan and in pursuance of the said discussion the d.o. letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/08 dated April 6, 2004 of the Secretary was sent by Speed Post to Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, wherein the latter's attention was drawn to para 5 of the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-VIOL VIII dated September 23, 2002 of the then Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission which read as follows :

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- 18 The extension of the term of the Commission for a further period of one year w.e.f. 15.05.2004 as sought for in Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32(II)/443 dated February 17, 2004 addressed to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is awaited.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 16.04.2004 (27th) held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building,
Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007.

April 16, 2004

Of the six witnesses summoned today, three witnesses viz. Shri Viswajit Dutta, Smt. Jayanti Bhattacharya and Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty are present.

Of the three witnesses, Shri Pabitra Kumar Ghosh and Shri Sugata Bose have prayed for adjournment by filing petitions beforehand. Shri Ghosh has, as on the earlier occasions, prayed for adjournment on the ground of his illness and Shri Sugata Bose, as usual, has prayed for adjournment on the ground that he is not available on the date of hearing due to his prior commitments. The other witness, Shri Swadhin Sanyal is absent without any intimation.

Shri Viswajit Dutta, Smt. Jayanti Bhattacharya and Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty have been examined as CWs 113, 114 and 115 respectively.

Shri Viswajit Dutta (CW 113) has testified that "Shri Abhijit", the author of the book " অসহায় চমকে ভারত " is his pseudonym. Two volumes of that book have been marked Exhibits 205 and 206 respectively.

Smt Jayanti Bhattacharya (CW 114) has testified that the contents of the affidavit dated 9/12/2003 filed by his elder brother Shri Swadhin Sanyal before the Commission are correct. She has identified the signature of Shri Swadhin Sanyal on the affidavit. The affidavit and the signature of Shri Swadhin Sanyal have been marked Exhibits 207 and 207/1 respectively.

Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty (CW 115) has testified that the statement made in the affidavit-dated 7/3/2000 filed by him before the Commission is correct and he has identified his signature thereon. The affidavit and his signature have been marked Exhibits 208 and 208/1 respectively. The book titled "India In Crisis" authored by him has been marked Exhibit 209. Copy of the Second Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Lecture 1968 has been marked Exhibit 210.

STATUS REPORT

The parties have been heard in respect of the status report as on 13/4/2004 (forenoon).

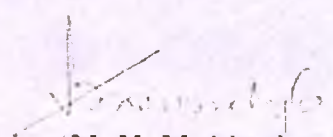
Referring to paragraph 16 of the status report, Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty (JMCI 11/2000) and Dr. Madhusudan Pal (JMCI 14/2000) have submitted that it is absolutely shocking that the Government of India, specially the Ministry of Home Affairs is trying to scuttle the process of inquiry by not allowing the Commission to visit the alleged place of accident in Taihoku.

DNA test of the teeth brought from Faizabad allegedly of Gumnami Baba has been submitted to the Vajpayee Government published as a news item in Bartaman dated 7/8/2003 and the article in Ananda Bazar Patrika dated 21/12/2003 under the caption

"**ডি.এন.এ. পরীক্ষার ফাতিহ চমকায় বেঙ্গে আর্জি জানাবে নেগটিভ**"

বিস্ময়িত " authorized by Shri Nirmalya Mukherjee and submitted that the said wrong news item should be refuted by the Commission and Shri Nirmalya Mukherjee should be summoned to appear before the Commission for his examination relating to that article. Shri Bhattacharya has been told that steps in this regard have already been taken by referring the matter to the Press Council of India.

The parties present have also been told that the Commission has prepared a list of documents referred to by the deponents and the documents which were received from the Government of India and other sources and that a list of books referred to by the deponents and the books which are in possession of the Commission has also been prepared. Lastly they have been told that interested deponents may come to the Commission office and inspect those lists.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
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SECRET / MOST URGENT

No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

10 May 2004

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry - Request for Information

Dear Ruchi,

I write with reference to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol X dated March 10, 2004, which was received by us in the bag only on 12 April 2004, seeking information on a list of witnesses that JMIC wishes to examine / depose during their visit to Taiwan.

2. After making enquiries with local authorities, the following is the position ad seriatim:

1. Mr. Tao Yung M.P. - deceased

2. Mr. Liu Tsung Han, formerly Vice Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission does not live in Taiwan. He is resident in the United States. His last known contact address is: 517S Sefton Avenue. # D Monterey Park, CA 91755, USA and his telephone number is 818-3694742.

3. Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa M.P. - deceased

4. Mrs. C.C.Huang - wife of former Mayor of Taipei. According to local authorities, the former Mayor married twice. No information is available about the whereabouts of either of them or their current status.

5. Prof. Wu chen Tsai - deceased

6. Mackay Hospital - The hospital still exists at No. 92 Chung Shan North Road, Sec. 2 Taipei. Tele No. (886-2) 2543-3535 and Fax No. (886-2) 2543-3642.

7. Airport Accident Records at Taihoku Airport - local authorities have informed us that due to the fact that this accident happened during the Japanese occupation of Taiwan, the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications could not find any relevant archives and records pertaining to the accident in question.

Yours sincerely

Warm regds

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)
Director General

Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

25/7/2004

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No. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A(II)/31(4)

May 06, 2004

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 3. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 4. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.04. 2004 to 30.04.2004.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry / Department / Office).

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

25/4/2004

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.04.2004 to 30.04.2004)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.03.2004 to 31.03.2004 forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. The hearing of the Commission was held on April 16, 2004 at 11.00 A.M. at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata 700007. Of the six witnesses summoned, three witnesses were present and examined in full.
3. Response from the Ministry of External Affairs in respect of a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State, and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August, as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London, sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, (vide the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/375 dated December 26, 2003) is still awaited. || A
4. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated November 12, 2003, the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to report the Commission immediately the present position of those matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated || B

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27.06.2003 of the Ministry which appear to be still pending as also to send an exhaustive list of all the archives of the Russian Federation excluding the names of the Archives of the countries in the Russian Federation already furnished. Further reports as called for are still awaited.

5. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/517 dated March 25, 2004 addressed to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245 dated September 5, 2003 and its letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/238 dated September 3, 2003 as also to the correspondence made by the Commission with the Directors, the Centre for DNA Finger Printing and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata. Copies of the aforesaid letters/correspondence have been furnished with the said letter of the Commission dated March 25, 2004 wherein it has also been stated that in view of the possible ramifications of taking out the ashes from Renkoji Temple for preliminary examination and anthropological evaluation for DNA tests which, the Commission feels, can suitably be tackled only by the Government of India as also in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the said letter dated March 25, 2004, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission desires to meet the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, for discussions to sort out the problems of DNA tests and Shri Gokhale has accordingly been requested therein to kindly arrange a meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, as early as possible preferably in the first week of April, 2004. In reply, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has intimated : "In view of the Minister's preoccupation due to forthcoming elections, it has been suggested that a meeting could be scheduled after the elections".

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6. (a) Particulars of two Japanese DNA experts have recently been received from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata, which are being examined along with the particulars of the Japanese DNA expert received

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earlier from the Indian Embassy in Japan through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

(b) The Secretary of the Commission could learn from Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad on telephone on April 7, 2004 that necessary laboratory facility for DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple, Japan, has since been made available in his Institute. Dr. Singh has accordingly been requested by the Secretary of the Commission by his d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/21 dated April 20, 2004 to kindly extend all necessary help and cooperation for the proposed DNA tests of the said alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as also to furnish information about the Japanese DNA expert as earlier requested by the Secretary in course of his telephonic conversation with Dr. Lalji Singh on April 7, 2004. The response of Dr. Lalni Singh is being awaited.

7. On being directed by the Commission, its Secretary had a discussion with Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on April 2, 2004 regarding some important pending matters including the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan and in pursuance of the said discussion the d.o. letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(III)/08 dated April 6, 2004 of the Secretary was sent by Speed Post to Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, wherein the latter's attention was drawn to para 5 of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated September 23, 2002 of the then Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission which read as follows :

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9. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.

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made with us
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10. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg [as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o: letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission] is yet to be received by the Commission in spite of several reminders to the said Ministry. JE
11. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.03 addressed to Shri Vijoy Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the copy of the enclosure captioned, "Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers" bearing dated August 14, 1945 forwarded with his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated May 7, 2003 and he has been requested to kindly obtain through the Indian Mission in the USA authenticated copies of the (1) Proclamation, and (2) Instrument of Surrender which appear to have been enclosed to the original copy of the aforesaid directive bearing dated 14.08.1945. The documents called for are yet to be received. // F (pending) 18/11
12. The blood samples of Smt. Tripti Nag, daughter of one of Netaji's elder sisters and Shri Nirupam Som, one of Netaji's elder sisters' daughter's son have been collected and made over to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata. Besides, the specimen teeth allegedly of one Gumnai Baba of Faizabad, and the blood samples of Shri Sadhan Kar, one of Netaji's elder sisters' daughter's son, Shri Subrata Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sarat Chandra Bose and Shri Dwarka Nath Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sunil Chandra Bose, had earlier been made over to the CFSL, Kolkata. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/371 dated December 22, 2003 the Director, CFSL, Kolkata has been requested for D.N.A. profiling tests to fix the identity of the person to whom the said teeth belonged. The report of the Director, CFSL, Kolkata, is awaited.
13. The report of the third handwriting expert to whom the specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the first bunch of the documents containing a

number of questioned handwriting allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba', Faizabad, have been made over on August 28, 2003 for necessary comparison of those two sets of handwritings, is yet to be received. Two documents bearing handwritings and signatures of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which are said to be lying in the State Archives of the Government of West Bengal, were called for from the Home Department of the Government of West Bengal to facilitate comparison of the alleged handwritings of 'Gumnami Baba' with the original handwritings of Netaji by the said Handwriting Expert. Only recently the documents called for have been received from the Govt. of West Bengal and the same are going to be forwarded to the third handwriting expert soon.

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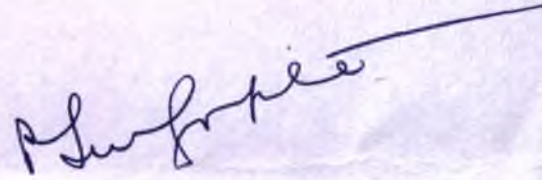
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Bondarovsky, one of the listed witnesses, expired last year, and that the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India would apprise the Commission "of further progress in the matter on receipt of inputs" from the said Indian Mission. Further progress in the matter is yet to be intimated to the Commission. JG

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19. Further to the position stated in para 18 of the Status Report from 01.03.2004 to 31.03.2004 it is pointed out that the copies of some documents referred to in the said para appear to have been sent to the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs,

Govt. of India, with their letter No. 12014/13/2000-NCB.II/IS(D.III)(Vol.V) dated 06.04.2004 received by the Commission on 16.04.2004 which are being examined.

20. The extension of the term of the Commission for a further period of one year w.e.f. 15.05.2004 as sought for in Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32(II)/443 dated February 17, 2004 addressed to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is awaited.



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May 6, 2004

Dear Shri Ralte,

Please refer to Dir(CNV)'s letter No. 25/4/NGO-VolX regarding information sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The following papers are enclosed which have some information about Netaji and INA obtained from the British Library and National Archives, London:

1. Extract from New Scotland Yard Report No. 305 dated 29.8.45 - A
2. Extracts from Note by Military Intelligence dated 14.9.45 - B
3. Loose Minute of MI 2 regarding Death of Netaji dated 20.1.47 - C
4. Statement of Mr. Yoshimi, Medical Captain of the Imperial Japanese Army on the death of Netaji. - D

A copy of the letter dated 5.6.03 regarding addresses of forensic science laboratories is enclosed.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.M. Meena)

Shri L. Ralte,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Extract from New Scotland Yard Report No. 305 dated
29th August, 1945

SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

Following the Japanese report published in the London press of 23rd August stating that Subhas Chandra BOSE had died as a result of injuries sustained in an aircraft accident, Indians in the Metropolis have, on the whole, shown themselves to be rather sceptical about its authenticity, but are prepared to believe it until facts prove otherwise. These Indians feel that their country has lost a great patriot and fighter for freedom, but they concede that Bose's death, although untimely, is a blessing in disguise as it will save the Indian people witnessing one of their most ardent patriots being humiliated before a British tribunal.

Among the various individuals who have expressed their feelings on the matter are Chowdry Ali Akbar KHAN, Nripatinath GHOSE, V.S.S.SASTRY, Mohan Lall SHARMA and Dr.C.B.VAKIL.

KHAN claimed that Bose's death was a great loss; he was one of the greatest patriots India had ever produced, and was rightly called India's de Valera. KHAN objected to the British press describing Bose as a quisling, and added that in Indian eyes, the quislings and traitors were those Indians in the British camp.

SASTRY regretted that Bose had found it necessary to join forces with Japanese imperialists. He said that Bose should have remained in India, as did other leaders,

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and carried on the struggle against British imperialism.

SHARMA described Bose as the most militant and uncompromising enemy of the British Raj. He expressed his doubts about the truth of the report, but stated that, dead or alive, Bose's contribution to the fight for India's independence would not be forgotten.

VAKIL, when he heard of the report, said he was shocked beyond measure; he, too, considered that it was possible that Bose might be alive, in which case he hoped that Bose, that avowed enemy of British imperialism, would return to India and continue his fight against the hated British Raj.

As soon as GHOSE heard the news, he closed his establishment, the L'Orient Restaurant, 56, St. Giles High Street, W.C.

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*Lord Pethick-Lawrence to Sir J. Colville**Telegram, L/Mil/7/19590: f 176*

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INDIA OFFICE, 14 September 1945, 9 am

No. 20364. Your letter dated 5th March No. 38/4.¹

Future officering of the Indian Forces. H.M.G. have now approved in principle, subject to subsequent examination of details, proposals formulated in C.-in-C's memorandum, and I authorise you to place them before your Council. If accepted by Council, as I trust they will be, you will no doubt wish to make an early announcement which should be synchronised with announcement in this country. I should be grateful if you would telegraph text of proposed announcement in good time for examination here. Since A[ir] M[inistry] wish to keep open question of either attachment² or secondment announcement should not commit itself to secondment.

I presume you will in due course forward proposals for detailed conditions of service in amplification of para. 9 of C.-in-C's memorandum, or alternatively send a mission to London to discuss such details with the India Office and Service Departments.

¹ Vol. V, No. 297.² 'attachment' deciphered as 'veto'.

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*Note by Military Intelligence (Extract)**L/WS/1/1506: f 44*

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6. The Japanese report of Bose's death is also a matter of considerable importance not only in the political arena but also to those concerned with security: the continued existence of "Netaji", possibly underground, would undoubtedly maintain the fervour of the many Jifs, military and civilian, who came under what was almost a spell, while the confirmed end of their leader would probably have something of an opposite effect.

7. The report of Bose's death was received in most quarters in India with sympathy and regret expressed by meetings and *hartals*, but scepticism widely persists. Reactions in Bengal particularly are of interest. It is generally believed

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here that the news has been faked with Japanese connivance and that Bose has gone underground to re-appear at the correct psychological moment, which may be provided by the installation of a National Government or by a decision by the existing Government to take a very lenient view of the treachery of Bose and the I.N.A. Political circles in the province have been greatly interested in the recent news item which alleged that Bose had been seen alive in Saigon after the aircraft accident.

8. Where the report has been generally accepted there is a feeling of disappointment that Bose will now be unable to return to his homeland to take his "rightful place"; that he would have been forgiven by Government is taken almost for granted, particularly in view of the delicate political situation. Bose's case is of course inextricably bound up with the future of captured members of the I.N.A. Press comments in relation to both betray readiness to minimize their offence and to emphasise the patriotic though misguided motives and, in respect of the I.N.A., the extremity and violence of enemy pressure, from which these offences are alleged to have sprung. There is, further, in some papers an undercurrent of malicious satisfaction that Bose and his men found opportunity for this misguided activity. Jawaharlal Nehru, as was to be expected, has aired his views freely on the subject, in mischievous terms. While recognizing the "English approach" to this question he stresses the importance of the "Indian approach".

9. Bose's established death would solve the difficult problem of dealing with him but his patriotism and activities, even though from the wrong side of the fence, are likely to hold an important place in the nationalist mind, particularly that of the young Bengali; one politician even declared that his "legend will continue to inspire the people and steel them in their determination to free India and Asia from Imperialism".

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Field Marshal Viscount Wavell to Mr Jinnah

L/P&S/13/1265: f 37

No. 295/2/G.

NEW DELHI, 16 September 1945

Dear Mr. Jinnah,

You know from my Private Secretary's letter dated August 26¹ the circumstances in which I have not been able to reply until now to your telegram of August 22² on the situation in Kashmir, for which I thank you.

¹ Acknowledging No. 55 and saying that Lord Wavell would reply on his return from London.
L/P&S/13/1265: f 74.

² No. 55.

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M.I.2.

Death of SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE



1. Enclosed is a copy of a statement made by Captain YOSHIMIZU Keniyoshi a medical officer of the Japanese Imperial Army concerning the death of SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
2. The statement was received originally from War Crimes Liaison Officer HONG KONG the testator being interned in STANLEY Gaol HONG KONG.
3. The original statement is in the possession of War Crimes Section S.E.A.L.F. *Foreign Office & Law Office*
4. The India Office ~~has~~ had a copy of this report.

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C O P Y.

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STATEMENT OF YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI, CAPTAIN (MEDICAL) OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY, WITH REGARD TO THE DEATH OF ONE CHANDRA BOSE, WHO DIED AT TAIHOKU, FORMOSA, ON 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 1945.



I, TANEYOSHI YOSHIMI, Captain (Medical) of the Imperial Japanese Army, am present at Stanley Gaol, Hong Kong, having observed a statement in a Japanese newspaper, requesting information regarding the death of Chandra Bose, wish of my own free will to place any knowledge I have of this matter at the disposal of the Authorities requiring it. To the best of my ability and memory I hereby state the events surrounding the death of Chandra Bose.

In August, 1945, I was the Senior Officer at the NANMON Military Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. At about 1700 hrs on the 18th day of August, 1945 a truck driven up before the hospital contained several men who had been injured in an aeroplane crash. Two of the men were Indians, and the remainder, about five or six in number were Japanese. One of the Japanese, a Staff Officer with the rank of Lt-Colonel whose name I cannot properly recall, but believe was Ishii -something, informed me that one of the Indians, pointing him out, was Chandra Bose and that I was not to spare myself and must give him the very best of treatment. I immediately gave instructions for some medical orderlies to go and prepare a bed, and for others to carry in the injured man.

When he was laid on the bed, I personally cleaned his injuries with oils and dressed them. He was suffering from extensive burns over the whole of his body, though the most serious were those on his head, chest and thighs. There was very little left on his head in the way of hair or other identification marks. During the first four hours he was semi-conscious, and practically normal, speaking quite a good deal. The first words I remember him speaking were in Japanese, when he made a request for water, which had to be fed to him through a hospital cup with a spout. As most of his speaking was in English, a request for an interpreter was made, and one was sent from the Civil Government Offices named NAKAMURA. He informed me that he had very often interpreted for Chandra Bose and had had many conversations with him. He appeared to have no doubt that the man he was speaking with was Chandra Bose. During the treating of his injuries, I twice inquired of Chandra Bose if he was in any pain, and neither time did he make any answer. After about four hours, I inquired whether there was any statement, will, or such matter he wished to make. He answered "Nothing". After the fourth hour he appeared to be sinking into unconsciousness. He murmured, and muttered in his state of coma, but never regained consciousness. At about 2300 hrs. he died. There was apart from the injuries mentioned above, abrasions on his elbows and knees. There were no fractures.

The other Indian was a Chandra Bose's Adjutant, a Colonel of the Indian National Army, who was suffering from burns to the sides of his head, arms, hands and knees. I do not remember this man's name, but recall that it was a very long one. He was a very tall man, about six feet or over, medium build, and clean shaven.

It was the wish of this Colonel, and also that of the authorities that the remains of Chandra Bose should be transported to Tokyo, and to facilitate this I injected Formalin into the body, and also had the coffin partly filled with lime. The whole was put in a box, and on the 20th August, was taken to Taihoku airport for transporting to Japan, in charge of Warrant Officer NISHI. W.O. Nishi returned later and informed me that the body could for some unknown reason, not be taken to Japan, and was to be sent to the crematorium for cremation. I therefore made out a Death Certificate, stating the causes of death to be extensive burning and shock. The orders for this change of plans came from the Adjutant's Department, Taiwan Army.

On the morning of the 19th August, Colonel Miyata, Staff Officer of General Ando came to the hospital to express mourning on behalf of General Ando and his staff, and as is our custom brought gifts of flowers, fruits and cakes for the deceased. The news of the death of Chandra Bose was kept a secret, and I and my staff were warned not to divulge that we knew who it was that had died. The news was as far as I can remember published in the public press early in the month of September, 1945.

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STATEMENT OF YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI CONTINUED

Of the other passengers of the aircraft I have some direct and some information which was told to me. As far as I could make out, the aircraft, carrying Chandra Bose, his Adjutant and about ten or twelve others (Japanese), took off from the Taihoku Air Port, and after rising to a height of about thirty feet, suddenly burst into flames and crashed to the ground. A Major-General SHIDEI and two others were killed, or unable to escape and were burned with the plane. The others escaped or were rescued, and were brought to Nanmon Hospital. The two pilots, Warrant Officer (later 2/Lt.) AOYAGI and a Sergeant Major., were both burned, but after remaining in my care for about two or three weeks had practically recovered and were transferred to the Hokuto Military Hospital where I later heard they had died, about three weeks after admittance.

The Indian Colonel, Adjutant to Chandra Bose, remained in my care for about 10 days, and was then sent to the Hokuto Military Hospital. The interpreter Nakamura went up there with him, and I have no knowledge of what became of either of them. I do know however that the ashes of Chandra Bose were handed over to the Indian Colonel.

There is nothing more I can remember of this matter, at the present, but will give thought to it, and anything of importance I later remember I will disclose.

Signed at Stanley Gaol, this 19th Day of October, 1946.

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Name in Block Letters. YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER.

I, HANAGAKI YOSHIO, state that I truly and correctly translated the above statement made by YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI, into English, and saw it taken down by Captain A. R. Turner. I later read over the whole of the above statement in the Japanese language, and YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI agreed and then signed the above statement, in the presence of myself and Captain A. R. Turner.

Signed at Stanley Gaol, this 19th Day of October, 1946.

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Name in Block Letters. HANAGAKI YOSHIO.

I, ALFRED RAYMOND TURNER took the above statement of YOSHIMI TANEYOSHI, with regard to the death of Chandra Bose, and the Certificate of the Interpreter HANAGAKI YOSHIO at Stanley Gaol, this 19th day of October, 1946, duly witnessing their signatures.

..... Captain.,
A. R. TURNER.

War Crimes Liaison Section (Formosa).

Hong Kong,
19th Oct. 1946.



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5th June, 2003

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry wishes to access records of communications between General MacArthur and Lord Mountbatten relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Our Embassy in Washington had approached the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland for the above, but was advised that the requisite records may be available in the British Public Record Office.

I would be grateful for your assistance in ascertaining whether these records exist in the British Public Record Office.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Vikas Swarup)

Mr. Jonathan Thomson
Head, India Section
South Asian Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London

Copy to Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), w.r.t. his letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated April 22, 2003. Also enclosed is information pertaining to the National Forensic Laboratories in the UK.

Warm regards.

(Vikas Swarup)

The Forensic Science Service



- ▶ is an executive agency of the UK Home Office.
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Purpose of the Forensic Science Service

The FSS pioneered the use of DNA profiling in forensic science and set up the world's first national criminal intelligence DNA Database - launched in April 1995.



The purpose of the FSS is to serve the administration of justice principally by providing scientific support in the investigation of crime and expert evidence to the courts. It aims to do so with efficiency, effectiveness and economy.

As part of the Home Office, the FSS was established as an Executive Agency in April 1991. In April 1996, the FSS was merged with the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory - becoming a truly national service. It is by far the largest supplier of forensic science services in the UK.

On April 1, 1999 the FSS was given Trading Fund status, which allows it to retain surplus cash at the end of each financial year and carry it over to the next - to be spent on improving the service to customers.

The FSS is a non-profit making organisation. Charging by the FSS, which began in 1991, was born out of the 1988 Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs so that its capacity could be aligned with the demand for its services.

This has enabled the FSS to develop commercially and offer services to private, public and overseas customers as well as the 43 police forces in England and Wales and other police forces such as the Ministry of Defence Police and British Transport Police as well as the Crown Prosecution Service and HM Customs and Excise

For the past 30 years, it has run a research facility which has been responsible for many significant forensic science breakthroughs and innovations - particularly in the application of DNA technology.

The FSS pioneered the use of DNA profiling in forensic science and set up the world's first national criminal intelligence DNA Database - launched in April 1995.

The Database matches DNA samples from scenes of crime - for example from blood or semen - and matches them with individuals or other crime.

The FSS deals with around 100,000 cases each year. Scientists give evidence in court around 2,510 times and attend around 1,200 crime scenes.

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The FSS's international activities are focussed in providing direct support for Central Governments aims and objectives. We work closely with other Government Departments and provide scientific expertise, casework support and consultancy in liaison with;



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- ▶ The Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- ▶ The Department for International Development
- ▶ Specialist units and departments dealing with
- ▶ International terrorism
- ▶ International organised crime, particularly where it has an impact on Organised Crime in the United Kingdom
- ▶ The National Criminal Intelligence Service
- ▶ Interpol
- ▶ HM Customs and Excise
- ▶ British Police Forces investigating crime involving British Nationals abroad

We are actively involved in the European Union funded PHARE Institution Building Twinning programme providing support to Candidate Countries negotiating accession to the European Union. Under this programme we provide long-term advisors and Short Term Experts delivering training and consultancy in a number of Justice and Home Affairs related projects.

Our areas of activity include assistance in developing DNA Databases, Quality Management Systems, strategic development, awareness and technical training.

We have been involved in PHARE projects in Poland, have recently finished a 15-month project in the Czech Republic and are about to deliver a 2-year project in Lithuania.

More details about the United Kingdom's contribution to the PHARE programme can be found on the FCO's website www.fco.gov.uk.

Other countries where we have been active in the last 12 months include Romania, Latvia, Greece, Serbia, Kuwait and Sierra Leone.

The FSS is also an active member of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) and its various Working Groups. ENFSI's role is to promote good practice and co-operation between its 41 members from 27 countries.

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Senior management structure

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Dave became Chief Executive in October 2001 - and lists his priorities as sharpening the focus on customer needs and understanding, improving timeliness of work and establishing an innovative programme of research focusing on crime and criminality.

Chief Scientist

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The Chief Scientist has a non executive role in the FSS. He provides independent advice on professional standards and related matters, and assurance to the chief executive that the quality of casework is under control.

Customer Relations Director

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Phil Jones' role is to lead the customer relations team in working with the customer and FSS operations to provide a better service to customers.

Chief Operating Officer Director

Dr. Mike Loveland - mrl@fss.org.uk

Overarches the areas of service delivery, customer relations and human resources (HR).

Business Development Director / Deputy Chief Executive

Mr. Trevor Howitt - thh@fss.org.uk

"My primary objective is to ensure that the FSS undertakes those projects, initiatives and developments that are required to best equip the FSS to meet customers' changing needs over the next five years."

Finance Director

Mr. Rod Anthony - rja@fss.org.uk

Rod looks after finance, procurement, legal and estates.

Service Delivery Director

Dr. Peter Twitchett - pjt@fss.org.uk

"My role is to ensure the delivery of the service our customers need, alongside our success as a business. This means driving timeliness and consistency and ensuring that we make best use of well trained and motivated staff."

Information Systems Adviser

Mr. Colin Bradley - cbr@fss.org.uk

"My role is to assist the executive board and the senior management in the business to deliver the key components of the information systems strategy in support of our Corporate Change Programme."

Communications Director

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"There are two main strands of our work which reflect the two way process of communication itself. Firstly, to listen to our customers and ensure that the FSS quickly identifies any developing customer and stakeholder requirements. Our second focus will be to communicate effectively."

Corporate Change Programme Director

Mrs. Becky Sparkes - rls@fss.org.uk

"I am responsible for ensuring that the bulk of our investment activity supports our business strategy and attains the goals set out in the corporate and business plan."

Planning Unit Director

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Alison heads up the new planning unit. The work of the unit will be to ensure that the corporate and business plan is continually updated, keeping the planning process continuous.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/Overseas-witness/2000-01/
70(111)/29.

Kolkata, dated, 5th May '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Overseas/witnesses /2002-2003/70(Vol.II)/188 dated 05.8.2003 (copy enclosed for ready reference), I am directed to state that reply thereto is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly expedite reply.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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(Vol.II)/188.

Kolkata, dated. 5th August '03.

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Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (GIV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the suggestion given in the third para of the letter dated 23.06.03 of Dy. Chief of Mission, Embassy of the U.S.A. enclosed to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(I) dated 15.07.03 and to request you to kindly send particulars of some suitable willing Indian Scholars or students of post graduate class preferably of Law/ History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remunerations, for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty



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9th April, 2004

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No.Tok/102/02/03

Rev.Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where remains said to be of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are kept, called on me today at his request.

2. Mochizuki recalled the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission and enquires made by it in Tokyo in September 2002. He said his understanding was that two previous Commissions of Enquiry had conclusively determined that the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo were indeed those of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Even so, he had welcomed and co-operated with the Justice Mukherjee Commission in its deliberations at the Renkoji Temple and in Tokyo. He had done so in the hope that a final determination would be made that the remains were those of Netaji so that the casket containing them could be returned to India.

3. Mochizuki said that the members of the Bose Academy [comprising former associates of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in Japan] had unfortunately created a misunderstanding. This had prevented the proposed DNA test which would have facilitated a final conclusion. He also said he had come to meet me without informing the members of the Bose Academy* and requested that his conversation with me be kept confidential.

4. Mochizuki made the following submissions with regard to the matter under discussion:

[i] Even though he had some reservations from a spiritual angle, he would have no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody.

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No.25/4/NGO-XI

30th April, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

Thank you for your DO No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-1/70(III)/08 dated 6th April, 2004 relating to the proposed visit to Taiwan by members of the JMCI.

2. This is to clarify some of the questions raised by you in the above quoted letter. It is confirmed that the India-Taipei Association (ITA) will be able to assist the Commission in making necessary logistical arrangements including reservations of hotel accommodation, transport and interpretation in Taipei, subject to the condition that payment will be made directly by the visiting JMCI team. ITA can be asked to provide estimates of likely expenses to JMCI, if the Commission so desires.

3. MEA also conveys its no objection from the political angle to expenditure being incurred specifically on account of visit to Taiwan out of the funds placed at the disposal of the JMCI by the Government of India. This Ministry is, however, unable to comment on whether or not the Commission would need specific sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs to incur the expenditure.

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With regards,

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

April 28, 2004

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2. We are forwarding herewith for the Commission's information and record, copies of the requisite documents, which were obtained by our Mission in Washington from the MacArthur Memorial, City of Norfolk. The documents include the Proclamation and the Instrument of Surrender.

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Regards, & Congrats for your promotion.

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(Signature)
(D.N. Srivastava)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam
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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

Encl: As above.

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23 March 2004

D. N. Srivastava
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Mr. Srivastava,

Here are the materials you requested in your letter of 12 March. Total cost for Xeroxes and shipping is \$3.00. Please make payment to the GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR FOUNDATION. Let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

James W. Zobel
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For your information and guidance in planning only, the following proposed directive to Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, proclamation by the Emperor of Japan, instrument of surrender, and General order number 1 are furnished. These 4 documents, prepared here, are now before the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It is anticipated that they will be approved shortly. You will note that they are not effective until the President has transmitted to you the "Directive to Chief Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers." Text of final documents as approved, or changes if minor, will be transmitted to you by radio immediately after approval or when signed by the president as the case may be. Official texts will be sent you by courier at the same time.

1st Document.

"Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
To be signed by the President of the United States."

1. In accordance with the agreement among the Governments of the United States, Chinese Republic, United Kingdom, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to designate a Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for the purpose of enforcing the surrender of Japan, you are hereby designated as the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

2. You will require the issuance of a proclamation signed by the Emperor authorizing his representatives to sign the instrument of surrender. The proclamation to be signed should be substantially in the form appended hereto. * You will take the necessary steps to require and receive from the duly authorized representatives of the Japanese Emperor, the Japanese Government, and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters the signed instrument of surrender. The text of the instrument of surrender is appended hereto. ** You will accept the surrender for the 4 Governments concerned and in the interest of the other United Nations at war with Japan.

3. I have asked the Heads of State of China, Great Britain and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics each to designate a representative who may be present with you as witnesses at the time and place of surrender. I have designated Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz to be present as the United States Representative for this purpose. As soon as I have received the other designations you will be advised.

7-45- You will make the appropriate arrangements.
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4. Having accepted the General Surrender of Japanese Armed Forces, you will require the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue General Orders which will instruct Japanese Commanders wherever situated as to the mechanics of surrender and other details effectuating the surrender. You will effect any necessary coordination of arrangements with the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters with regard to the surrenders to the Allied Commanders concerned of Japanese Armed Forces abroad.

5. From the moment of surrender, the authority of the Emperor and Japanese Government to rule the state will be subject to you and you will take such steps as you deem proper to effectuate the surrender terms.

6. You will exercise supreme command over all land, sea and air forces which may be allocated for enforcement in Japan of the surrender terms by the Allied ~~Forces~~ ^{Powers} concerned.

7. Your appointment as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers is effective upon receipt of this directive."

* "2nd Document: "Proclamation by the Emperor of Japan.

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* * 3rd Document: "Instrument of Surrender"

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5. We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

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8. The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the State shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.

Signed at _____ at _____ on the _____ day of _____, 1945.

_____ By Command and in behalf of the ~~Emperor of Japan~~ and the Japanese Government.

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Accepted at _____ at _____ on the _____ day of 1945, for the United States, Great Britain, Republic of China, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in the interest of the other United Nations at War with Japan.

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"4th Document: "General order number 1,

MILITARY AND NAVAL

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d. The senior Japanese commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the Celebes, Halmshera, New Guinea, the Banda Sea areas, Bismarcks and Solomons shall surrender to the Commander-in-Chief, Australian Imperial Forces.

e. The senior Japanese Commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the Japanese Mandated islands, Bonins and other Pacific Islands shall surrender to the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

f. The senior Japanese Commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in Korea south of 38 Degrees North Latitude shall surrender to the Commanding General, U. S. Expeditionary forces in Korea.

g. The Imperial General Headquarters, its senior commanders and all ground, sea, air and auxiliary forces in the main islands of Japan, minor inlands adjacent thereto, the Ryukyus, and the Philippines shall surrender to the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Army Forces in the Pacific.

The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters further orders its commanders in Japan and abroad to disarm completely all forces of Japan or under Japanese control, wherever they may be situated, and to deliver intact and in safe and good condition all weapons and equipment at such time and at such places as may be prescribed by the Allied Commanders indicated above. (Pending further instructions, the Japanese Police Force in the main islands of Japan will be exempt from this disarmament provision. The Police Force will remain at their posts and shall be held responsible for the preservation of law and order. The strength and arms of such a police force will be prescribed.)



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II. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters shall furnish to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, within (time limit) of receipt of this order, complete information with respect to Japan and all areas under Japanese control, as follows:

- a. Lists of all land, air and anti-aircraft Units showing locations and strengths in Officers and Men.
- b. Lists of all aircraft, Military, Naval and Civil, giving complete information as to the number, type, location and condition of such aircraft.
- c. Lists of all Japanese and Japanese-controlled Naval Vessels, surface and Submarine and Auxiliary Naval Craft in or out of commission and under construction giving their position, condition and movement.
- d. Lists of all Japanese and Japanese-controlled Merchant Ships of over 100 gross tons, in or out of commission and under construction, including Merchant Ships formerly belonging to any of the United Nations which are now in Japanese Hands, giving their position, condition and movement.
- e. Complete and detailed information, accompanied by maps, showing locations and layouts of all mines, minefields, and other obstacles to movement by land, sea or air, and the safety lanes in connection therewith.
- f. Locations and descriptions of all military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, anti-aircraft defenses, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas.
- g. Locations of all camps and other places of detention of United Nations Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees.

III. Japanese Armed Forces and Civil Aviation Authorities will insure that all Japanese Military, Naval and Civil Aircraft remain on the ground, on the water, or aboard ship, until further notification of the disposition to be made of them.

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IV. Japanese or Japanese-controlled Naval or Merchant vessels of all types will be maintained without damage and will undertake no movement pending instructions from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Vessels at sea will immediately render harmless and throw overboard explosives of all types. Vessels not at sea will immediately remove explosives of all types to safe storage ashore.

V. Responsible Japanese or Japanese-controlled Military and Civil Authorities will insure that:

- a. All Japanese mines, minefields and other obstacles to movement by land, sea and air, wherever located, be removed according to instructions of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.
- b. All aids to navigation be reestablished at once.
- c. All safety lanes be kept open and clearly marked pending accomplishment of A. above.

VI. Responsible Japanese and Japanese-controlled Military and Civil Authorities will hold intact and in good condition pending further instructions from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers the following:

- a. All arms, ammunition, explosives, military equipment, stores and supplies, and other implements of war of all kinds and all other war material (Except as specifically prescribed in section IV. of this order).
- b. All land, water and air transportation and communication facilities and equipment.
- c. All Military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, anti-aircraft defenses, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas, together with plans and drawings of all such fortifications, installations and establishments.



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d. All factories, plants, shops, research institutions, laboratories, testing stations, technical data, patents, plans, drawings and inventions designed or intended to produce or to facilitate the production or use of all implements of war and other material and property used by or intended for use by any military or part-military organization in connection with its operations.

VII. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters shall furnish to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, within (Time Limit) of receipt of this order, complete lists of all the items specified in paragraphs a., b., and d. of section V above, indicating the numbers, types and locations of each.

VIII. The manufacture and distribution of all arms, ammunition and implements of war will cease forthwith.

IX. With respect to United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees in the hands of Japanese or Japanese-controlled authorities:

a. The safety and well-being of all United Prisoners of war and civilian internees will be scrupulously preserved, to include the administrative and supply service essential to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, and medical care until such responsibility is undertaken by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers:

b. Each camp or other place of detention of United Nations Prisoners of war and civilian internees together with its equipment, stores, records, arms, and ammunition will be delivered immediately to the command of the senior officer of designated representative of the prisoners of war and civilian internees;



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c. As directed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Prisoner of War and Civilian Internees will be transported to places of safety where they can be accepted by Allied authorities;

d. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters will furnish to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, within (time limit) of the receipt of this order, complete lists of all United Nations Prisoners of War and Civilian internees, indicating their location.

X. All Japanese and Japanese-Controlled Military and Civil authorities shall aid and assist the occupation of Japan and Japanese-Controlled areas by Forces of the Allied Powers.

XI. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and appropriate Japanese Officials shall be prepared, on instructions from Allied occupation Commanders, to collect and deliver all arms in the possession of the Japanese Civilian population.

XII. This and all subsequent instruction issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied ^{POWERS} Forces of other Allied Military Authorities will be scrupulously and promptly obeyed by Japanese and Japanese-Controlled Military and Civil Officials and private persons. Any delay or failure to comply with the provisions of this or subsequent orders, and any action which the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers determines to be detrimental to the Allied Powers, will incur drastic and summary punishment at the hands of Allied Military Authorities and the Japanese Government."

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12 April 2004

From : Director General, India-Taipei Association, Taipei
To: Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs

Reference your D.O.No. 25/4/NGO/Vol X dated 10 March 2004 regarding JMCI. The same has been received today. We will ascertain the facts and revert. Given the paucity of details, this process may take time.

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)

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D.O.No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-1/70(III)/08

April 6, 2004

Dear

Kindly recall the discussions I had with you in your chamber on April 2, 2004 regarding some important pending matters of the Commission in the presence of Sri Umesh Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, and Sri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer, who also took part in the discussions.

The main issue that came up for discussion was the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan.

Drawing my notice to the confidential d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XI dated March 15, 2004, of Sm. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Joint Secretary, (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, you suggested reconsideration of the proposed visit to Taiwan in view of the constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigation in Taiwan, as enumerated in para 5 of the above-quoted d.o. letter dated March 15, 2004. The Commission is examining the contents of the aforesaid d.o. letter.

In course of the discussions in your chamber on 2.4.04 I was given to understand that no help or assistance whatsoever would be extended to the Commission for its visit or in connection with its visit to Taiwan. I was told that Govt. would not accord approval to any proposal for visit to Taiwan and that, if the Commission's programme of visit to Singapore, Bangkok, Vietnam etc. included Taiwan, then the entire programme would not get approval of the Govt. of India. I was advised not to include Taiwan in the Commission's programme for visit to Vietnam, Singapore and other Asian countries. I was further told that Govt. of India would neither sanction expenditure nor place any fund at the disposal of the Commission for visit to Taiwan. As it appeared from the discussions, Commission would be required to meet the expenditure for visit to Taiwan from its own fund and that too without showing the expenditure on account of visit to Taiwan. I have

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apprised the Hon'ble Chairman of the discussions on this issue. I am directed to say that the Commission feels that it cannot visit Taiwan or, for that any matter, any country, without express approval of the Govt. of India for such visit and sanction of expenditure to be incurred for such visit. The proposed visit to Taiwan may involve an amount of expenditure that may not be within the limit of the financial power of the Secretary of the Commission. Again, even if the expenditure limit of the Secretary of the Commission covers the expenditure to be incurred then it cannot be incurred without mentioning specifically that the expenditure is incurred on account of visit to Taiwan. In this connection, I am directed to invite your attention to do letter no. 25/4/NGO Vol. VIII dated 23.9.02 of the then Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA, Sri Vijay Gokhale. The relevant para of the letter reads as follows :-

“ 5. MHA may also kindly note that this Ministry would render assistance in making the logistics arrangements in Taipei but will not be in a position to make any payments on behalf of the Commission. Payment for all services in Taipei, including hotel accommodation, transportation and interpretation, will therefore need to be made directly by the Commission itself. “

Guidelines for Indian officials travelling to Taiwan were annexed to the said d.o. letter dated 23.9.02 as Annexure 1. If the Commission decides to visit Taiwan after considering the contents of the d.o. letter dated March 15, 2004 of Sm. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA, already quoted above, it will do so, I am directed to say, keeping in view the guidelines in the Annexure I to the d.o. letter dated 23.9.02 and para 5 of the said d.o. letter.

I am directed to request you to kindly spell out the nature and extent of the “logistics arrangements in Taipei” mentioned in para 5 of the above-quoted d.o letter dated 23.9.02 of Sri Vijay Gokhale. Do the logistics arrangements include reservation of hotel accommodation, arrangement for transport and interpretation in Taipei, subject, of course, to the condition that payment should be made directly by the Commission ? It may further be clarified whether such payment by the Commission needs sanction of the MHA, Govt. of India. If no such approval is necessary, whether expenditure can be incurred specifically on account of visit to Taiwan out of the fund placed at the disposal of the Commission by the Govt. of India. If expenditure cannot be incurred specifically on account of visit to Taiwan then it would be well-nigh impossible for the Commission to undertake visit to Taiwan. In other words, in that eventuality Commission will have no option but to abandon its proposed visit to Taiwan. I am further directed to say that for drawal of advance to meet the estimated

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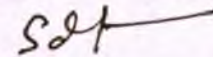
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expenditure to be incurred for the visit to Taiwan for accommodation, transport, interpretation, photography etc. sanction of the MHA is necessary. It may be mentioned here that there was a proposal of visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan, but in view of the queries raised by the MEA in the do letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dt. 19.8.02 of Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA, addressed to Sri Akhil Jain, the then Joint Secretary (IS), MHA, and the time that might be consumed in getting the details relating to visit to Taiwan, ultimately Taiwan was delinked from Japan and the MEA and MHA were informed accordingly.

I am directed to request you to kindly give an early reply to the queries raised in this letter to enable the Commission to take a firm and final decision regarding visit to Taiwan.

With

Yours sincerely,



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
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Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
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North Block
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D.O.No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70 (III)/08/1

April 6, 2004

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

23 September 2002

Dear Shri Jain,

I write with reference to Shri P.K. Sengupta's D.O. No.JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/278 dated August 22, 2002 regarding the Commission's visit to Taipei, in which he had intimated the places that the Commission would like to visit / inspect. We have inquired about the feasibility of the Commission's visit to these places, and information, which is available to us, is as given below:

(i) **Taihoku Airport** : This is the operational domestic airport. A visit is feasible with necessary permissions from Government agencies. **No** records of the 1945 period are available with airport authorities. The physical layout of the airport has changed so greatly that the precise site of the air-crash is **not** identifiable.

(ii) **Nam Mong Military Hospital** : The hospital does **not** exist any more. There is no clear idea of its former location. It is believed that it may have been at the site of the former Weixu Hospital which itself has ceased to exist. Records of the Nam Mong and Weixu Hospitals are not available in Taiwan and, according to authorities at the National Archives; these are likely to have been destroyed.

(iii) **Municipal Crematorium Taipei**: The crematorium does **not** exist any more. The entire area is a park. Past records are **not** traceable.

(iv) **Bureau of Health & Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office**: Municipal authorities claim that they are not aware of any organization with this nomenclature and do not have any records of any such office.

(v) **Hokutu Military Hospital**: Is currently known as the National Force Beitou Military Hospital. They do **not** have any records older than 1992. Earlier records have been destroyed.

2. Authorities at the National Archives, National Central Library and other Government agencies have not been able to confirm the availability of records of that period.

3. Further efforts were also made to locate witnesses, the names of which were earlier provided by the Commission. It has **not** been possible to locate any living witnesses, despite fresh efforts, on the basis of the limited and incomplete information provided by the Commission.

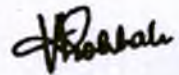
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4. MHA may kindly note that the Government of India does not recognize the so-called Republic of China or Taiwan, and therefore has no diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. In view of this, this Ministry is limited in its ability to facilitate the Commission's visit to Taiwan. The MHA may also kindly note that holders of diplomatic and official passports are not permitted to visit Taiwan. If the Commission intends to travel to Taipei, ordinary passports will need to be used. Guidelines for Indian officials traveling to Taiwan are annexed.

5. MHA may also kindly note that this Ministry would render assistance in making the logistics arrangements in Taipei but will not be in a position to make any payments on behalf of the Commission. Payment for all services in Taipei, including hotel accommodation, transportation and interpretation, will therefore need to be made directly by the Commission itself.

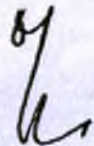
6. Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly advise the Commission regarding their proposal to visit Taipei, appropriately in the light of the above information.

Yours sincerely,



(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Akhil Jain,
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
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New Delhi



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ANNEXURE – I

GUIDELINES FOR INDIAN OFFICIALS TRAVELLING TO TAIWAN

- They should travel on the regular (blue) passport, and not on official or diplomatic passports.
- Their visits to Taiwan are in their personal or corporate capacities, and not as representatives of the Government of India.
- They should refrain from attending any function of an official or political nature.
- They should not highlight their official position, give press interviews as GOI officials or make any political statements/ comments during their stay in Taiwan.
- Taiwan should not be referred to as "Republic of China" or "ROC".
- They should not sign any formal document with the "Government" of the "Republic of China".
- There should not be any display of national flag, country name plate, national emblem or singing of the national anthem of India during the meetings with Taiwanese side.
- Approved route for Government officials travelling to Taiwan is via Bangkok/Singapore.

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**Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)**

**Subject: Extension of term of Justice M.K.Mukerjee
Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.5.2004.**

MHA may kindly refer to their U.O. note no. VI/11034/18/98-IS(V)/NCB-II, dated 08.3.2004 and 29.3.2004, seeking inputs for processing case for further extension of term of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) beyond 14.5.2004.

2. This Ministry's parawise comments on Para 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12 of **Annexure 'B'** and Para 2 & 8 of **Annexure 'C'** of the Status Report of the JMCI, are given in the enclosed sheet.

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)
Joint Secretary (CNV)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri U.K.Kalra, Director, NCB-II Section), North Block, New Delhi.

MEA U.O. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XI, dated April 12, 2004

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STATUS OF REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM JMCI

	<u>JMCI'S REQUIREMENT</u>	<u>PRESENT STATUS / MEA RESPONSE</u>
JMCI ANNEXURE "B"		
PARA NUMBER 1	Statesman Report of 28.10.95- Reported decision of GOI to opt for DNA testing by forming a Committee of DNA experts, CBI Officials etc.	Reply sent vide letter dated 29.3.2004 (copy enclosed)
PARA NUMBER 4	Progress report on exploring alternative options for seeking assistance of other agencies/organization for obtaining documents concerning alleged air crash at Taihoku from Taiwanese authorities	Copies of documents obtained from Japanese Government and Taiwanese authorities have been forwarded to JMCI vide letters No. 25/4/NGO-Vol- IX dated 20.2.04 and No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-XI dated 15.3.04 respectively. (Copies enclosed)
PARA NUMBER 5	Visit of JMCI team to relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents and inspection of sites.	<p>Our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam facilitated the JMCI request for publishing Notices for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of inquiry.</p> <p>The JMCI Notice was published in all the leading dailies in these countries. Newspaper clippings of the Notices thus published have been sent to the JMCI alongwith feedback.</p> <p>As regards Taiwan, The feasibility of a proposed visit by a JMCI team to Taipei, was examined in MEA letter No. No.25/4/NGO-Vol-XI dated 15.3.04 (Copy enclosed as above), where constraints and difficulties identified by the India-Taipei Association (ITA) in pursuing investigations in Taiwan were spelt out. The JMCI was informed that if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA would be requested to extend all possible assistance to the visiting JMCI team.</p>

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PARA NUMBER 6	This pertains to MHA	This pertains to MHA
PARA NUMBER 7	Request for obtaining copy of "Proclamation, Instrument of Surrender" and 'Directive to Supreme Commander for Allied Powers' dated 14.8.1945	Our Mission in Washington has been requested to obtain these documents from US authorities/agencies. The Mission has already taken up the matter with US agencies.
PARA NUMBER 10	Request for obtaining copy of an Official Paper- Extract of discussions between Lord Wavell, and Henderson on 27.8.45.	Our Mission in London has been requested to obtain these documents from British authorities/agencies. The Mission has already taken up the matter with the British Foreign Office.
PARA NUMBER 12	Report of Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg.	One of the listed witnesses named by JMCI, viz. Professor Y.V.Pechenko of the University of St. Petersburg, died in June 2003. This fact was conveyed to the Commission vide letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX (I) dated 15 July 2003. MEA letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI, dated March 29, 2004 to JMCI also refers. (copies enclosed)

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JMCI ANNEXURE "C"

PARA NUMBER 2	Follow-up action by MEA/MHA on letter (dt 22.3.1993) of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India regarding JMCI request for furnishing copy of Judgment order dated 4.3.1987 delivered by Hon'ble Justice Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court.	Follow-up action taken in the matter by MEA was conveyed to MHA vide Ministry's letter no. C/551/7/92-JO dated 8 th October 1993 and subsequently again vide letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated 26.7.2002. (copies enclosed)
PARA NUMBER 8	Request for taking up matter with the British Government for de-classification of classified British documents on Netaji/ INA to enable JMCI to peruse them for purpose of the Inquiry.	<p>Justice Mukherjee, Chairman, JMCI met External Affairs Minister (EAM) in October 2002 in connection with the request for assistance in accessing certain classified documents pertaining to Netaji, which were available with the British Authorities.</p> <p>The British Foreign & Commonwealth Office was requested in October 2002 through the High Commission of India, London to provide JMCI access to the relevant documents. No response has been received from the British authorities.</p>

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No.25/4/NGO-Vol XI
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: Proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore- Publication of notice.

MHA may kindly refer to their U.O. note no. I/12014/6/2001-IS (V)/NCB-II. pt.III, dated 11.3.2004 on the above noted subject.

2. The Ministry of External Affairs has separately written to the Secretary, JMCI- highlighting the constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI and about the feasibility of the proposed visit by the JMCI team to Taipei. A copy of letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI, March 18, 2004 in this regard is enclosed for MHA's information and record.

3. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice about the visit, that was published in 'The China Post, Taipei' on 19.3.2004.

R. Ghanashyam

[Ruchi Ghanashyam]
Joint Secretary [CNV]

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS)), North Block, New Delhi.

MEA U.O. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XI, dated 29 March 2004

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director [CNV]



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February 20, 2004.

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Our Embassy in Tokyo has forwarded a set of three documents relating to Netaji received from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A copy of these documents is forwarded herewith. The documents in original have been separately sent by Speed Post.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rgnanashyam

[Ruchi Ghanashyam]

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NEW DELHI

March 15, 2004

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8th January 2004 and JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426 dated January 22, 2004 in response to my earlier letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol X, dated 25th November 2003 and other related correspondence regarding your request for assistance in obtaining documents from authorities in Taiwan and for the proposed visit of the JMCI team to Taiwan.

2. We had approached the **India-Taipei Association (ITA)**, a Non-Governmental office in Taipei, for assistance in obtaining the requisite documents. The Commission's specific requests were brought to the notice of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan. The authorities examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City "Government" and other agencies. The outcome of the efforts made by the ITA in this regard is summarised below:-

[a] The three original documents sought by the Commission, as listed below, are **not** available with Taiwanese authorities-

- The Record of Cremation Permits issued between 18-22 August, 1945;
- The application for Cremation Permit said to have been filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alledged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro; and
- The original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro;

[b] Photocopies of following two documents have been provided-

- Page 531 of the "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (available with Ministry of National Defence) containing a lone reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in the sentence- "Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport" (free translation from Chinese text).

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- A letter dated 22.4.1966 from Taipei City "Government" [Bureau of Health] to Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying depositions of 2 employees working at the Crematorium.

[c] While pointing out that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation during the said period [August 1945], the Taiwanese authorities have informed that they are not in possession of any other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei on or around 18 August 1945.

3. The documents mentioned at para 2(b) above are enclosed [Chinese text of "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (Annexure-I) **and** a copy of the handwritten letter from the Taipei City "Government" alongwith a free translation in English (Annexure-II)].

4. In earlier instances, it was conveyed that the concerned Taiwanese authorities had not been able to locate the witnesses sought by the Commission. However, the fresh list of witnesses attached to your letter dated January 22, 2004 has been sent to the ITA.

5. As regards the feasibility of the proposed visit by the JMCI team to Taipei, the India-Taipei Association (ITA) has identified the following constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI:-

- Visit to the operational domestic airport in Taipei is feasible only after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies.
- The Military Hospital does not exist any more, nor is anyone aware of where it existed.
- The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore.
- Taiwan's National Archives does not have any record of the crash of the military aircraft, which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it.
- The ITA's attempts to locate related records, documents and material information, from Taiwan's National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal authorities and the Airport authorities, have proved to be unsuccessful so far.

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- There is no information as to whether the site of the alleged plane crash, the site of the Japanese Military Field Hospital, etc. still remain. It is highly improbable that these sites would remain, given the rapid economic development witnessed in Taiwan during the past fifty years.

6. The above inputs notwithstanding, if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA would be requested to extend all possible assistance to any visiting JMCI team. We trust that the Commission would appreciate the sensitivities involved and would avoid public mention of the assistance being sought from the ITA. The **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** is a non-governmental office in Taipei and if there are to be any references to the ITA in JMCI's reports, it should be characterised as such. It may also be noted that as a non-governmental office, **ITA** will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of a visiting JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of likely expenses.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rgnanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI (iii)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

March 29, 2004

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is further to my letters no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 and February 16, 2004 in response to your letters no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/621 dated April 1, 2003, no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/301 dated October 29, 2003, no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(v)/331 dated November 12, 2003, no. JMCI/Doc (For)/99-2000/56(v)/374 dated December 26, 2003, and JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/ii/492 dated March 4, 2004 regarding information sought from Russia in connection with JMCI's inquiry proceedings.

2. Our Mission in Moscow, which has been following-up the matter, has periodically sent reminders to the listed witnesses. Meanwhile, Dr. Rybakov- the only one to respond to the communications from the Mission in the past, was again asked to convey his willingness and convenience for appearing as a witness. The Mission has received in response only a copy of his earlier letter (that has already been sent to the Commission). A copy of the same is enclosed again for record.

3. One of the listed witnesses, Professor Y.V.Pechenko of the University of St. Petersburg, died in June 2003. This fact was conveyed to the Commission vide letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX (I) dated 15 July 2003. Academician Bondarovsky- another of the listed witnesses, expired last year, as conveyed in our letter dated 16 February 2004.

4. The Mission in Moscow is continuing with its efforts to locate the other listed witnesses- Mr. V.N.Plastun, Mr. A.A.Kolesnikov and Mr. E.M.Morosov, while reminders have yet again been sent to Mr. A.A.Kirichenko, Mr. U.L.Kuznets, Prof. A.P.Gnachuk-Danielchuk, Dr. A.A.Kutsenkov and Prof. E.N.Komorov..

5. Further inputs received from our Mission in this regard will be communicated to you.

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Copy to :-

Dr. V.K.Paul, First Secretary (Political), Embassy of India, Moscow, alongwith a copy of letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/ii/492 dated March 4, 2004 received from the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). It is requested that the matter be followed-up and Ministry informed of the progress in Mission's efforts to contact the potential witnesses listed by the JMCI.

R. Ghanashyam

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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To Mr. Satbir Singh
Director of Jawaharlal Nehru
Cultural Centre
Embassy of India in Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Singh,

It is very touching for us to know that Indian public is making a lot of efforts in order to find out the mystery of death of Subhas Chandra Bos, outstanding leader of National Liberation movement in India.

Russian indologists are also paying much attention on making research about this outstanding personality. Moreover, Subhas Chandra Bos visited our country trying to find support of Soviet government in his struggle against colonial oppression. Researches on the life and activity of S.Ch.Bos were conducted on the basis of Indian materials, documents of Russian archives as well as materials from Germany and Afghanistan. For the recent years the following works were published or are being prepared for publication:

A.V.Raikov (Lipetsk) "India's most dangerous hour". M., 1999.

Yu.N.Tikhonov (Lipetsk) "The Afghan War of the Third Reich". M., 2003.

R.N.Koltsov (Vladimir) "S.Ch.Bos, the Ideologist and Leader of the Indian National Liberation Movement: Political Views and Activity from 1921 to 1945"

O.Yu.Kurnyshin (Moscow) "Paradoxes of political biography of S.Ch.Bos". M. 2000.

At present the researchers of the Institute of Oriental Studies are not doing a special investigation on life and activity of S.Ch.Bos but the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organize a meeting of Russian historians dealing with this problem with the members of the Commission of the judge M.K.Mukerji. The time and place of the meeting can be discussed later.

Director of Institute of Oriental Studies,
Russian Academy of Sciences

R.B.Rybakov

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Господину САТБИР СИНГХУ
Директору Культурного центра
им. Дж.Неру
Посольства Индии в РФ

Глубокоуважаемый г-н Сингх!

Мы глубоко тронуты той настойчивостью, с которой индийская общественность старается раскрыть тайну гибели выдающегося деятеля национально-освободительного движения Субхас Чандры Боса:

Русские индологи не могли пройти мимо такой выдающейся личности, тем более что он посетил нашу страну, пытаясь заручиться поддержкой советского правительства в своей борьбе против колониального гнета. Исследования жизни, деятельности и судьбы С.Ч.Боса проводились на основе индийских материалов, документов русских архивов, а также материалов из Германии и Афганистана. За последние несколько лет были опубликованы или готовятся к публикации нижеперечисленные работы по этой проблеме:

А.В.Райков (Липецк) «Опаснейший час Индии», М. 1999.

Ю.Н.Тихонов (Липецк) «Афганская война Третьего рейха» М. 2003.

Р.Н.Кольцов (Владимир) «С.Ч. Бос – идеолог и лидер индийского национально-освободительного движения: политические взгляды и деятельность с 1921-1945 гг.». М. 2000.

О.Ю.Курнышин (Москва) «Парадоксы политической биографии С.Ч.Боса». М. 2000.

Сотрудники Института востоковедения в настоящее время специально не занимаются исследованием жизни и деятельности С.Ч.Боса, однако ИВ РАН готов устроить встречу российских историков, занимавшихся этой проблемой, с членами Комиссии судьи М.К.Мукерджи. Время и место могут быть оговорены дополнительно.

с уважением

Директор ИВ РАН



Рыбаков Р.Б.



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I)

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/75 dated 25.05.2003 regarding existence of documents relating to Netaji in the American Embassy and its Consulates in India.

This Ministry had made a reference on the issue to the US Embassy in Delhi. Their response, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed.

Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding (Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/140 dated 24.6.2003 regarding enclosures to our letter of even number dated 11.6.03 which have not been received by the Commission. The said enclosures are being forwarded herewith.

I would also like to draw your attention to your letter addressed to Prof. Petchenko of St. Petersburg University which was sent with your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/616 dated 28.3.03. We regret to inform you that the letter could not be handed over to Prof. Petchenko since he passed away last month after a long illness.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

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Secretary
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Encls: as above

Most Immediate
By Spl. Messenger

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-110011

Dilip Lahiri
Joint Secretary (AP)

No. C/551/7/92-JP

October 8, 1993

Dear Shri Iyer,

Please refer to your letter no. 1/27/91-Public dt. 5.10.93 regarding the judgement dated 4th March, 1987 delivered by Hon'ble Shri Justice S.N. Bhargava of the High Court of Judicature, Rajasthan relating to the inquiry into the circumstances in which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died. The factual position is as follows:-

2. Subsequent to the judgement having been passed, it was brought to the notice of this Ministry that the petitioner had died. Coordination Division of this Ministry had, therefore, informed Shri Talekar, Counsel of the late petitioner that as the petitioner had passed away before the meeting with the MEA/Government of India representative could take place, no further action was called for on the part of the Government of India. Our Legal and Treaties Division had also opined inter-alia that since no evidence or documents of any kind were ever produced by Shri Nand Lal Sharma, the occasion to consider whether or not a fresh enquiry was required did not arise.

3. You are no doubt aware that the CCPA at its meeting on 27.2.91 had considered a note prepared by your Ministry on the dispute regarding the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as also the controversy whether Netaji was dead or alive where the CCPA had approved the proposal that "no useful purpose would be served by holding yet another enquiry or bringing the ashes back to India at present as this might create unnecessary tensions."

Yours sincerely,

(Dilip Lahiri)

Shri M. Venkateswara Iyer,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CNV DIVISION

Subject: Judgement Order dated 4.3.87 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N. Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court relating to the inquiry into the circumstances of death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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This has reference to Ministry of Home Affairs' U.O. No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS(D.III) dated 19th July, 2002 on the subject mentioned above.

It is seen from the records in this Ministry that there is a barely legible copy of the judgement order of Rajasthan High Court which was forwarded to us vide MHA's D.O. No. 5293/JS(A)/93 dated 27.9.1993 (copy enclosed). Therefore, it is likely that a clearer copy of the said order would be available with MHA which could be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As regards the follow-up action required of this Ministry on the aforesaid letter of MHA and also their letter No. 1/27/91-Public dated 5.10.1993 (copy enclosed), this Ministry's letter No. C/551/7/92-JP dated 8th October, 1993 (copy enclosed) is self-explanatory.

Vijay K. Gokhale
(Vijay K. Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi
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No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III)/NCB-II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi dated 2.4.2004

To

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyan,
Joint Secretary(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.

Subject: Long pending matters of the Justice Mukherjee Commission
with the Govt. of India.

Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a communication dated 26/2/04
alongwith enclosures received from Shri Tarakeswar Pal Sr. Standing consel
regarding pending issues shown against MEA as per Annexure 'B' and 'C'.

It is requested that the factual position relating to pending issues
indicated at Annexure 'B' and 'C' may be conveyed to Shri Tarakeswar Pal,
Sr. Standing Consel, Kolkatta so that he may be able to defend the interest of
the Govt. on the subject raised by the JMCI from time to time.

Yours faithfully,


(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S)

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Discussed. Annexure 'B' + 'C' have been
examined vide note dt. 6.4.04 and
draft reply to MHA has been p.u. for FS's
approval before issue.

We may await return of file. 3/4/04

Sh.H.

Tarakeswar Pal

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Regd. with



Date: 26th February, 2004

Ref:

To
Sri Lal Krishna Advani,
Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister,
and the Minister of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
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Mananiya Advaniji,

Re. : Working of Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry Into The
Alleged Disappearance Of Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sadar Namaskar.

It is about five years to complete after the
Commission was set up. To complete the reference some more
time is required. But there are about 20 matters pending long
with the Govt. of India. These require to be resolved as soon
as possible, otherwise the things are running delayed .

2. With this delay, the political parties are
taking scope to misrepresent the people. A recent propaganda by
the Forward Block can be seen from the news item annexed herewith
(marked - 'A'). A media conference is required.

3. I also annex herewith copies of my letter
dated this day, to the Joint-Secretary of your Ministry along
with Commission's list of pending matters herewith for your
information (collectively marked - 'B').

4. In view of above may I request your pleasure
for taking necessary actions in the matter as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

With regards,
Yours faithfully.

Tarakeswar Pal

(Tarakeswar Pal)
Advocate

Asstt. P.S. to Dy. Prime Minister
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Netaji panel accused of apathy

KOLKATA, Feb. 20. — The Forward Bloc leadership today accused the Centre of not co-operating with the Mukherjee Commission inquiring into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

"The government of India is trying to fool the people of this country. Its for you (media) to find out what the political compulsions are that has led successive governments to hide facts about Netaji's disappearance," the Forward Bloc general secretary and MP told the press today.

Mr Biswas had sent a letter to the deputy prime minister, Mr L K Advani, in October last year requesting the Centre's co-opera-

tion in this matter. Mr Advani's reply on 3 February read: "Your assumption that the government is not taking a keen interest in the activities of the commission is not based on facts."

Mr Biswas wrote another letter to the minister stating that the Centre has not done anything to procure documents from foreign countries pertaining to the alleged air crash at Taohoku on 18 August 1945.

"The government has also not talked to the Russian government although the commission wants to procure the documents from the archives there," Mr Biswas alleged today. — SNS

The Statesman,
Kolkata. 21st February, 2004.

Barakewar Pal

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BY REGISTERED POST WITH A/D

Date 26th February, 2004

To
Sri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (Security)
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi - 110 001.

Dear Sir,

**Re. : Long pending matters of the Justice
Mukherjee Commission with the Govt.
of India.**

In reference to above may I bring it to your notice
as following :-

1. By an order during the last hearing on 5th February, 2004 I have, been placed to answer the result of the matters pending for long with the Govt. of India.
2. In the meantime you have received the enumerated list of the pending matters numbering twelve (Annexure : B) and list of important pending matters number eight (Annexure : C).
3. Out of these pending matters ^{seven} ~~some~~ relate to the Ministry of Home Affairs alone, two along with Ministry of External Affairs, two relate with the PMO and the rest with the Ministry of External Affairs ^{alone}.
4. For early completion of the Commission work the settlement of those matters are necessary, apart from the fact that I am to reply thereon in the next hearing.
5. To apprise the whole affairs a detailed consultation is

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required. Kindly send a responsible officer at your disposal,
as soon as possible.

6. With the said Officer please send the following documents :

- a) A copy of the report of your Ministry under No. 1/12014/13/
2000-MCB dated 19/24.09.2003.
- b) Copies of orders extending the tenure of the Commission.
- c) Copies of Affidavits as following and asked for long by
me lastly by my letter dated 24th June, 2002 (without which
I am indifficulty in the hearings) :

- i) Usha Ranjan Bhattacharyya (as sent by me to your
office by my letter dated 1.8.2001).
- ii) Subrata Bose and others (so sent by my letter dt. 2.8.2001)
- iii) Nirmal Sinha and others (so sent by my letter dt. 10.8.01)
- iv) Dr. Madhusudan Paul (so sent by my letter dt. 20.8.2001)
- v) Bijon Ghosh (so sent by my letter dt. 26/28.8.2001).
- vi) All India Forward Bloc (so sent by my letter dt. 29.8./
3.9.2001)
- vii) Jyotish Chandra Bose and others (so sent by my letter
dated 11/14.9.2001).

A copy of news item published on 21st February, 2004 in the *Statesman*
newspaper is sent herewith. Such media reports are time to time
coming out. I think it is a high time to answer the allegations.
Kindly arrange for a media conference in the matter to stop

misconception.

Thanking you,
With regards,

Yours faithfully,

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Some Long Pending matters of the Commission with the Govt. of India

1. As far back as on September 05, 2003 the Commission along with its letter No. JMC/VEO/2002-03/33(III)/245, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has sent a copy of the news-item captioned, "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of 'The Statesman' on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and has requested him to let the Commission know what has actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc. as reported in the said news-item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent Member of the CBI and the DNA experts, viz. Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK as mentioned in the said news-item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Unfortunately, their response is still awaited.

2. By Commission's d.o. letter No. JMC/Overseas/Witness/2002-03/70(II)/201 dated October 29, 2003 addressed to the Director (GV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the receipt of her d.o. ^{letter} No. 24/4/NGO/Vol. X dated October 13, 2003, which is professed to be in reply to the Commission's letter dated April 1, 2003, has been acknowledged and it has been pointed out therein that neither her said d.o. letter dated October 13, 2003 nor its enclosure in English speaks about the fate of the two letters of the Commission addressed to Prof. E.N. Komorov of Moscow Academy of Sciences, and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University which were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated April 1, 2003 for causing delivery, that her said d.o. letter dated October 13, 2003 is also silent about the outcome of the request of the Commission to approach the

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Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the Archives of KGB (FSB) about the outcome of the communication of the Indian Mission in Moscow to the agencies mentioned in the list of the Commission sent to the Ministry of External Affairs with its aforesaid letter dated April 1, 2003. The Ministry of External Affairs has been further requested in that letter to let the Commission know the result of the requests made in paras 1,2 and 3 of its said letter dated April 1, 2003. Their reply is still awaited.

By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated November 12, 2003, the attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV) has been drawn to the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 13.10.2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and he has been requested to kindly let the Commission know immediately the present position of the other pending matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol(IX) dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry as also to send a complete list of all the archives of the Russian Federation. The reports called for are still awaited.

4. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated January 08, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, her attention has been drawn to her d.o. letter bearing No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 25.11.2003 and she has been requested to kindly send to the Commission a progress report in the matter of their exploring alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organizations for obtaining the requisite documents concerning the alleged air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 and the alleged consequent death of Netaji and she has also been requested to make available to the Commission as early as possible all the relevant documents in the matter. In this connection it may be added that when it proposed to visit Taiwan in 2002 the Commission was made to understand that the Government of India would not be in a position to make any payment on behalf of the Commission in Taipei and that the payment for all services in Taipei including the cost of hotel accommodation, transport, interpreter, photographer, etc., would need to be made directly by the Commission itself and

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that publication of the notice in leading local dailies in English and local languages in Taiwan regarding holding of the hearing of the Commission in Taiwan would have to be arranged by the Commission itself. Consequently, the Commission made endeavours to contact the authorities in Taiwan to know about the availability of relevant documents and relevant witnesses in Taiwan as the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, expressed their difficulties to render the required help and assistance in the matter to the Commission on the ground that the Government of India is not having any diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan. Subsequently, the Ministry of External Affairs advised the Commission (vide d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated September 24, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to the Secretary of the Commission) not to approach the authorities of Taiwan in the aforesaid matters directly but to write to the Ministry of External Affairs for the information required to be obtained by the Commission from Taiwan.

Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries. In this connection Commission's letters no. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(iv)/398 dated November 11, 2002, and no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated November 27, 2002, both addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, and its letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70(ii)/621 dated April 01, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, may kindly be referred to.

6. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/11/2000/295 dated 20.10.2003 addressed to the Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that the report of the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission under their No. I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.2003 does not state specifically as to whether the documents called for by Commission's letter No. JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 are in existence or not. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 20.10.2003 of the Commission that if the said documents are in existence, the reason for which those have not yet been sent to the Commission in spite of repeated reminders may also be intimated to the Commission immediately. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs is still awaited.

7. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.03 addressed to Shri Vijoy Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the copy of the enclosure captioned, "Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers" bearing dated August 14, 1945 forwarded with his d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dated May 7, 2003 and he has been requested to kindly obtain through the Indian Mission in the USA authenticated copies of the (1) Proclamation, and (2) Instrument of Surrender which appear to have been enclosed to the original copy of the aforesaid directive bearing dated 14.08.1945. The documents called for are yet to be received.

8. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings/(Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(V)/322 dated November 5, 2003 addressed to Shri Umesh Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in response to the factual position regarding para 5 as indicated in Shri Kalra's letter No. I/12014/13/2000-IS-V (NCB)/Vol. V dated 31.10.03, it has been pointed out that the 317 files of Khosla Commission mentioned therein do not contain either the original or authenticated true copies of the documents produced before the Khosla Commission and marked as exhibits or the proceedings of the said Commission and that the bound volumes of unsigned and uncertified copies of the depositions of the witnesses before the said

Commission (as received by us) appear to contain only some parts of its proceedings. The documents called for by the Commission by its letters dated 27.02.03 and 11.04.03 as referred to in the said para 5 are yet to be received.

The Commission by its letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/188 dated August 05, 2003 has requested the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post-Graduate class in the U.S.A. indicating / suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the same archival research, free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect of Netaji. Further development in the matter is still awaited.

10. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/375 dated December 26, 2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State, and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August, as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London, has been sent to the said Joint Secretary with the request to kindly let the Commission know as expeditiously as possible, the result of the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in the aforesaid document bearing No.5190. Their response is awaited.

11. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up) V 99-2000/48(V)/376 dated December 26, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out, inter alia, that the documents mentioned in para 2(iii), 2(v), and 2(vi) of the Cabinet Secretariat's letter No.281/12/1/2000-PS dated November 13, 2003 could not be traced out in Ministry of Home Affairs' files No. I/12014/9/77-D.III, No.I/12014/6/90-IS (D.III), and No.31/2/74-Pol. D.III (2 Vols.) in spite of thorough search not only by the Officers of the Commission but also by one Officer of the Ministry of Home Affairs in course of his visit from New Delhi to the Commission's Office in Kolkata, though it

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has been stated in para 2 of the Ministry of Home Affairs' letter No.1/1201-4/13/2000-IS (D.V) dated January 2, 2003 that those documents are available in the aforesaid files of the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the documents mentioned at para 2(ii) 2(iv) could not be made available to the Commission. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has, therefore, been requested in the said letter dated December 26, 2003 of the Commission to kindly take all possible steps to ensure early transmission of all the aforesaid five documents mentioned at para 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), 2(v), and 2(vi) of the aforesaid letter of the Cabinet Secretariat. Further development in the matter is awaited.

- 12 The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg [as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission] is yet to be received by the Commission in spite of several reminders to the said Ministry.

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of the important matters which the Commission has been constrained not to
on the repeated failure of the Ministries/Departments concerned of the
Government of India to comply with the directives of the Commission sent in that
from time to time.

Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, made a statement on the floor
of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) on August 28, 1978 that 'some further contemporary
official documentary records have become available' in the light of which "it is
difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions (of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee
and the Khosla Commission) are decisive". But the said 'further contemporary
official documentary records' have not been made available to the Commission by
the Government of India.

No follow-up action has been taken by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government
of India, as requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on the
letter dated March 22, 1993 of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India.
(vide Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/449 dated
December 5, 2002 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External
Affairs, Government of India).

3. The documents mentioned in the d.o. letter dated February 3, 1998 of Dr. Ramesh
Chandra Mazumdar (a renowned historian, since deceased) addressed to Shri Morarji
Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, as also those mentioned in the note attached
to the said d.o. letter of Dr. Mazumdar (vide c.p.s 16-20 of the Secret File
No.264/78-PM of the Prime Minister's Office) have not been made available by the
Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
as called for from them by the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-
2000/37 (Vol.II)/542 dated February 1, 2002.

4. Vol. Nos. XVIII, XIX and XXII pertaining to the Khosla Commission along with
other relevant files / documents / records which have been shown in the Affidavit

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December 19, 2001 of Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as called for by the Commission's letter No DMCH/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/534 dated January 29, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have not been made available to the Commission.

The Affidavit allegedly filed by the Government of India before the Khosla Commission regarding destruction/missing of 34 confidential files on Netaji has not been made available to the Commission.

The documents filed by the Government of India and other parties, if any, before the Khosla Commission which were made exhibits by the said Commission, have not been furnished by the Government of India to this Commission. Not even a comprehensive list of the said exhibits has been filed by the Government of India to this Commission.

7. Copies of some of the affidavits filed by different deponents before this Commission were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, so that the Ministries/Departments/ Offices concerned of the Government of India, might like to controvert the allegations/assertions contained in the said affidavits. In spite of close persuasion, no such counter-affidavits have been filed before this Commission by any of the authorities of the Government of India. Consequently, the Commission has presumed that the authorities concerned of the Government of India have nothing to say regarding the allegations/assertions of the said deponents made in their said affidavits and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have been kept informed by the Commission accordingly.

8. The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have been repeatedly requested by the Commission, in vain, to take up the matter with the Government of the U.K. at appropriate levels so that the classified British documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA are got declassified and the Commission can peruse them for the purpose of its inquiry.

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March 24, 2004

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Under Certificate of Posting

To

The Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 16.04.2004 starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Shri Sugata Bose
2. Shri Swadhin Sanyal
3. Smt. Jayantee Bhattacharya
4. Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty
5. Shri Pabitra Kumar Ghosh
6. Shri Biswajit Dutta

Yours faithfully,

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March 24, 2004

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No.VI/11034/18/98-IS(V)/NCB-II
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Ministry of Home Affairs

IMMEDIATE

New Delhi, dated 29.3.04.

To

The Ministry of External Affairs,
Noth Block,
New Delhi. (Attention:Ms. Ruchi Ghanshyam, Director(CNV)).

Subject:-Extension of the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.5.2004.

Sir,

Please refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 08.3.2004 (copy enclosed) on the subject mentioned above. It is requested that the specific comments on the pending issues shown against the Ministry of External Affairs may kindly be expedited to enable us to process the case for further Extension of the Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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DIRECTOR

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No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(V)/NCB-II
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India

Dated the 8-3-04

To

The Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.

Subject:-Extension of the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.5.2004.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No, JMCI/ADMN/99-2000/32(II)/443, dated 17.2.2004(copy enclosed) on the subject mentioned above and to say that the parawise comments in respect of para 1,4,5,6,7.10 and 12 of Annexure B and para 2&8 of Annexure C, may please be sent to us urgently for processing the case for futher extension of term of Justice Mukharjee Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.5.2004.

Yours faithfully

U.K. Kalra
(U.K. KALRA)
Director

Encl. As above.



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February 17, 2004.

From : **P.K. Sengupta**
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BY REGISTERED POST WITH A/D.

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Joint Secretary (IS)
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New Delhi 110 001

Sub: Extension of the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry beyond 14.05.2004.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32(Vol.II)/251 dated September 9, 2003 addressed to you soliciting further extension of the term of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for one year beyond 14.11.2003 for reasons explained and referred to therein. By Notification No. S.O. 1313(E) dated November 14, 2003 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the term of the Commission was extended for a further period beyond November 14, 2003 but not later than May 14, 2004.

I am directed to state that the Commission is not in a position to complete its inquiry within May 14, 2004 as most of the reasons stated and referred to in Commission's aforesaid letter dated September 9, 2003 as also stated in its earlier proposals for extension of the terms of the Commission still hold good.

The statement attached herewith and marked as Annexure-A indicates, inter alia, in brief, the number of witnesses examined in course of the hearings as also on Commission,

the number of exhibits and the number of material exhibits admitted by the Commission, the number of sittings held by the Commission, and the number of affidavits filed before the Commission.

The statement attached herewith and marked as Annexure-B indicates some long pending important matters of the Commission with the Government of India.

The statement attached herewith and marked as Annexure-C indicates some of the important matters which the Commission has been constrained not to pursue on the repeated failures of the Ministries/Departments concerned of the Government of India to comply with the directives of the Commission sent in that regard from time to time.

The matters stated in Annexure-B and Annexure-C to this letter show the nature and extent of the existing hurdles faced by the Commission in conducting its inquiry which are required to be removed to the maximum extent possible as expeditiously as possible so that the Commission can do proper justice to the work assigned to it.

The relevant records of the Government of India pertaining to this Commission will show that quite a number of some other hurdles could ultimately be removed in the past due to diligent and persistent endeavours of the Government of India on being untiringly pursued by the Commission for months after months and sometimes for years together. Besides, the inquiry of the Commission has essentially become a highly time consuming exercise particularly because of the following reasons :-

- (a) The Commission's inquiry is inquisitorial, and not adversarial, in nature.
- (b) The subject matter of its inquiry is considerably more than half-a-century old.
- (c) Many of the relevant foreign witnesses who might be still living are yet to be located and examined by the Commission.
- (d) Many of the apparently relevant documents are in the custody of foreign Governments who are yet to be persuaded by the Government of India to make those documents available to the Commission.

- (e) Many of the relevant and important documents of the Government of India are yet to be made available to the Commission and the present whereabouts of many relevant Indian witnesses examined by the Khosla Commission are yet to be collected with the help of the administrative authorities of the State concerned (which is likely to be a considerably time-consuming exercise requiring intervention of the Government of India vide d.o. letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS (D.III)/NCB (Vol.V) dated January 29/30, 2004 of the Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Chief Secretary, Nagaland.
- (f) It is taking considerable time to get the reports of the handwriting experts in respect of their verification of the specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose with the questioned handwritings allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as also to get the reports of the D.N.A. experts on the D.N.A. profiles of the blood samples of the kins of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, collected after prolonged persuasion, and matching of the said D.N.A. profiles thereof with those of the specimens collected from Faizabad Treasury to establish the identity of the subject to whom those specimens belong.
- (g) The Commission had written a letter on 10.04.2003 to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with a copy of that letter endorsed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with a request to take necessary action as early as possible so as to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple of Japan. From the response dated August 13, 2003 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India received by the Commission it appears that the Commission will only get the logistic support from the Government of India in the matter and the Commission itself has to find out ways and means for ascertaining feasibility of D.N.A. test of the said alleged mortal remains of Netaji and if the same is feasible, to arrange for holding necessary D.N.A. test thereof, though it is not

clear to the Commission whether or not the Japanese would allow to take samples from the said mortal remains for the purpose of the aforesaid tests and, in the event of their refusal to allow to take samples, whether delivery of the entire mortal remains should be taken from the Renkoji temple and brought to India for taking the required samples thereof and whether thereafter the charge of the residual part of the said mortal remains will be taken by the Government of India for its preservation pending conduct of the said D.N.A. test. The Commission is yet to get the required clarifications from the Government of India in this regard. The Commission is also yet to get the report called for from the Government of India by its letter dated September 5, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs with a copy endorsed to the Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and is also yet to get response from the Government of India in respect of its suggestions contained in the said letter dated September 5, 2003 for holding D.N.A. tests of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple, (vide para 1 of Annexure-B for details). It is likely to take considerable time to get the aforesaid matter settled.

- (h) Since the Government of India is not having diplomatic relation with the Government of Taiwan, the former are not in a position to render any help to the Commission regarding publication of the Commission's notice in the newspapers of Taiwan for information of the public regarding the visit of the Commission to Taiwan and the terms of reference of the Commission. It is yet to be known to the Commission whether the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India would be able to get any assistance of any agencies/organizations for obtaining the documents asked for by the Commission from Taiwan. The Commission also needs assistance of the Ministry of External Affairs for contacting the witnesses it wants to examine at Taipei and for identifying the relevant places it wants to visit for the purpose of its inquiry in Taiwan. The said assistance is yet to be extended to the Commission by the Government of India. As the time is fast running out, the Commission is also seeking assistance of private individual

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agencies/organizations to supplement the endeavours of the Government of India in the matter. It is likely to take considerable time to finalize and complete the visit of the Commission to Taiwan.

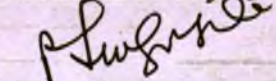
- (i) The Commission is also required to give reasonable opportunities to the deponents to peruse the records before the Commission and to obtain copies thereof and to make their submissions /arguments before the Commission after the end of the examination of all witnesses including the examination of experts who have already submitted their reports or will be submitting their reports on completion of their examination.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary steps for extension of the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for a further period of at least one year beyond 14th May, 2004.

Necessary Government Notification extending the term of the Commission for a further period of one year with effect from 15.05.2004 may kindly be communicated at an early date so that the Government of India may get adequate time to remove the aforesaid hurdles and the Commission may continue its inquiry without any break or interruption and may draw up its programmes for hearing in different places of India and abroad which are essentially warranted for proper completion of the inquiry of the Commission.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Annexure-A

1.	No. of witnesses examined	: 112
2.	No. of Exhibits	: 203
3.	Material Exhibit	: XIX
4.	No. of Sitting held by the Hon'ble Chairman	: 26 *
5.	No. of witnesses examined by the Hon'ble Chairman	: 76
6.	No. of witnesses examined by the Secretary on Commission	: 12
7.	No. of witnesses examined by the Principal Private Secretary on Commission	: 24
8.	No. of affidavits filed by State deponents including one on behalf of West Bengal Govt.	: 10
9.	No. of affidavits filed by deponents other than the States deponents	: 63
10.	No. of deponents and Co-deponents in the affidavits at Serial No. 9.	: 79

* In the 26th sitting of the Commission, none out of the five witnesses summoned appeared.

Some Long Pending matters of the Commission with the Govt. of India

1. As far back as on September 05, 2003 the Commission along with its letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/245, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has sent a copy of the news-item captioned, "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of 'The Statesman' on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and has requested him to let the Commission know what has actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc. as reported in the said news-item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent Member of the CBI and the DNA experts, viz., Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK as mentioned in the said news-item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Unfortunately, their response is still awaited.
2. By Commission's d.o. letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witness/2002-03/70(II)/301 dated October 29, 2003 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the receipt of her d.o. ^{letter} No. 24/4/NGO/Vol. X dated October 13, 2003, which is professed to be in reply to the Commission's letter dated April 1, 2003, has been acknowledged and it has been pointed out therein that neither her said d.o. letter dated October 13, 2003 nor its enclosure in English speaks about the fate of the two letters of the Commission addressed to Prof. E.N. Komorov of Moscow Academy of Sciences, and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University which were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated April 1, 2003 for causing delivery; that her said d.o. letter dated October 13, 2003 is also silent about the outcome of the request of the Commission to approach the

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Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the Archives of KGB (FSB) as also about the outcome of the communication of the Indian Mission in Moscow to the witnesses mentioned in the list of the Commission sent to the Ministry of External Affairs with its aforesaid letter dated April 1, 2003. The Ministry of External Affairs has been further requested in that letter to let the Commission know the result of the requests made in paras 1,2 and 3 of its said letter dated April 1, 2003. Their reply is still awaited.

3. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated November 12, 2003, the attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV) has been drawn to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 13.10.2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and he has been requested to kindly let the Commission know immediately the present position of the other pending matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol(IX) dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry as also to send a complete list of all the archives of the Russian Federation. The reports called for are still awaited.

4. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated January 08, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, her attention has been drawn to her d.o. letter bearing No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 25.11.2003 and she has been requested to kindly send to the Commission a progress report in the matter of their exploring alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organizations for obtaining the requisite documents concerning the alleged air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 and the alleged consequent death of Netaji and she has also been requested to make available to the Commission as early as possible all the relevant documents in the matter. In this connection it may be added that when it proposed to visit Taiwan in 2002 the Commission was made to understand that the Government of India would not be in a position to make any payment on behalf of the Commission in Taipei and that the payment for all services in Taipei including the cost of hotel accommodation, transport, interpreter, photographer, etc., would need to be made directly by the Commission itself and

that publication of the notice in leading local dailies in English and local languages in Taiwan regarding holding of the hearing of the Commission in Taiwan would have to be arranged by the Commission itself. Consequently, the Commission made endeavours to contact the authorities in Taiwan to know about the availability of relevant documents and relevant witnesses in Taiwan as the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, expressed their difficulties to render the required help and assistance in the matter to the Commission on the ground that the Government of India is not having any diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan. Subsequently, the Ministry of External Affairs advised the Commission (vide d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated September 24, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to the Secretary of the Commission) not to approach the authorities of Taiwan in the aforesaid matters directly but to write to the Ministry of External Affairs for the information required to be obtained by the Commission from Taiwan.

5. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries. In this connection Commission's letters no. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(iv)/398 dated November 11, 2002, and no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated November 27, 2002, both addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, and its letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70(ii)/621 dated April 01, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, may kindly be referred to.

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6. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/11/2000/295 dated 20.10.2003 addressed to the Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that the report of the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission under their No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.2003 does not state specifically as to whether the documents called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 are in existence or not. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 20.10.2003 of the Commission that if the said documents are in existence, the reason for which those have not yet been sent to the Commission in spite of repeated reminders may also be intimated to the Commission immediately. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs is still awaited.

7. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/288 dated 16.10.03 addressed to Shri Vijoy Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, his attention has been drawn to the copy of the enclosure captioned, "Directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers" bearing dated August 14, 1945 forwarded with his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated May 7, 2003 and he has been requested to kindly obtain through the Indian Mission in the USA authenticated copies of the (1) Proclamation, and (2) Instrument of Surrender which appear to have been enclosed to the original copy of the aforesaid directive bearing dated 14.08.1945. The documents called for are yet to be received.

8. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings/(Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(V)/322 dated November 5, 2003 addressed to Shri Umesh Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in response to the factual position regarding para 5 as indicated in Shri Kalra's letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V (NCB)/Vol.V dated 31.10.03, it has been pointed out that the 317 files of Khosla Commission mentioned therein do not contain either the original or authenticated true copies of the documents produced before the Khosla Commission and marked as exhibits or the proceedings of the said Commission and that the bound volumes of unsigned and uncertified copies of the depositions of the witnesses before the said

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Commission (as received by us) appear to contain only some parts of its proceedings. The documents called for by the Commission by its letters dated 17.02.03 and 11.04.03 as referred to in the said para 5 are yet to be received.

9. The Commission by its letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/188 dated August 05, 2003 has requested the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post-Graduate class in the U.S.A. indicating / suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the same archival research, free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect of Netaji. Further development in the matter is still awaited.

10. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/375 dated December 26, 2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State, and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August, as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London, has been sent to the said Joint Secretary with the request to kindly let the Commission know as expeditiously as possible, the result of the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in the aforesaid document bearing No.5190. Their response is awaited.

11. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up) / 99-2000/48(V)/376 dated December 26, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out, inter alia, that the documents mentioned in para 2(iii), 2(v), and 2(vi) of the Cabinet Secretariat's letter No.281/12/1/2000-PS dated November 13, 2003 could not be traced out in Ministry of Home Affairs' files No. I/12014/9/77-D.III, No.I/12014/6/90-IS (D.III), and No.31/2/74-Pol. D.III (2 Vols.) in spite of thorough search not only by the Officers of the Commission but also by one Officer of the Ministry of Home Affairs in course of his visit from New Delhi to the Commission's Office in Kolkata, though it

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has been stated in para 2 of the Ministry of Home Affairs' letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS (D.V) dated January 2, 2003 that those documents are available in the aforesaid files of the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the documents mentioned at para 2(ii) 2(iv) could not be made available to the Commission. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has, therefore, been requested in the said letter dated December 26, 2003 of the Commission to kindly take all possible steps to ensure early transmission of all the aforesaid five documents mentioned at para 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), 2(v), and 2(vi) of the aforesaid letter of the Cabinet Secretariat. Further development in the matter is awaited.

12. The report of the Indian Consulate of St. Petersburg [as intended to be sent later to the Commission in para 4 of the d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II) dated June 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission] is yet to be received by the Commission in spite of several reminders to the said Ministry.

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Some of the important matters which the Commission has been constrained not to pursue on the repeated failure of the Ministries/Departments concerned of the Government of India to comply with the directives of the Commission sent in that regard from time to time.

1. Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, made a statement on the floor of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) on August 28, 1978 that 'some further contemporary official documentary records have become available' in the light of which "it is difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions (of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission) are decisive". But the said 'further contemporary official documentary records' have not been made available to the Commission by the Government of India.
2. No follow-up action has been taken by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, as requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on the letter dated March 22, 1993 of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India. (vide Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/449 dated December 5, 2002 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India).
3. The documents mentioned in the d.o. letter dated February 3, 1998 of Dr. Ramesh Chandra Mazumdar (a renowned historian, since deceased) addressed to Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, as also those mentioned in the note attached to the said d.o. letter of Dr. Mazumdar (vide c.p.s 16-20 of the Secret File No.2/64/78-PM of the Prime Minister's Office) have not been made available by the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as called for from them by the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37 (Vol.II)/542 dated February 1, 2002.
4. Vol. Nos. XVIII, XIX and XXII pertaining to the Khosla Commission along with other relevant files / documents / records which have been shown in the Affidavit

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dated December 19, 2001 of Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as called for by the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/534 dated January 29, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have not been made available to the Commission.

5. The Affidavit allegedly filed by the Government of India before the Khosla Commission regarding destruction/missing of 34 confidential files on Netaji has not been made available to the Commission.
6. The documents filed by the Government of India and other parties, if any, before the Khosla Commission which were made exhibits by the said Commission, have not been furnished by the Government of India to this Commission. Not even a comprehensive list of the said exhibits has been filed by the Government of India to this Commission.
7. Copies of some of the affidavits filed by different deponents before this Commission were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, so that the Ministries/Departments/ Offices concerned of the Government of India, might like to controvert the allegations/assertions contained in the said affidavits. In spite of close persuasion, no such counter-affidavits have been filed before this Commission by any of the authorities of the Government of India. Consequently, the Commission has presumed that the authorities concerned of the Government of India have nothing to say regarding the allegations/assertions of the said deponents made in their said affidavits and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, have been kept informed by the Commission accordingly.
8. The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have been repeatedly requested by the Commission, in vain, to take up the matter with the Government of the U.K. at appropriate levels so that the classified British documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA are got declassified and the Commission can peruse them for the purpose of its inquiry.

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

April 6, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

Please refer to discussions we had in my office last week wherein you had requested for a meeting to be arranged between External Affairs Minister and Chairman of JMCI-Justice M.K.Mukerjee.

2. In view of the Minister's preoccupation due to the forthcoming elections, it has been suggested that a meeting could be scheduled after the elections.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Secretary
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

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April 5, 2004

Dear

Please refer to your letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated September 5, 2003 drawing attention to a news item published on **28.10.95** in the '**Statesman**' indicating that *'the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan'*.

2. The 1995 news item contains a reference about the 'composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc.'. The matter was referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The MHA has conveyed that on scrutiny of available MHA records of the relevant period, it has been found that no Committee of the type mentioned in the news-item was constituted for the said purpose. MHA has also separately clarified the following points related to DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji:-

- The appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission.
- Issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/selection of experts fall under the JMCI's purview.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.

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3. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also conveyed suggestions received from Shri Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata underlying the following:-

- (a) the need to ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect;
- (b) that any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world, and
- (c) that proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Secretary
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✓ Copy for information to :-

Shri U.K.Kalra, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, NCB-II
Section, North Block, New Delhi, with reference to his letter
No. I/12014/13/2000-NCB dtd 15.1.2004.

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/517

March 25, 2004

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**
Secretary.

To
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Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
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Speed Post

SUB : DNA TESTS OF ALLEGED ASHES OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE KEPT IN THE
RENKOJI TEMPLE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to this Commission's letter No. JMCI/CI/EO/2002-2003/83 (iii)/245 dt: 5 September, 2003 on the aforesaid subject (copy enclosed). No reply to that letter has yet been received inspite of several reminders.

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), of your Ministry in her d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol IX dt: 4 August, 2003 informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs had opined that the selection of DNA expert in India was to be done by the Justice Mukherjee of Inquiry. She further requested the Commission to select Indian and Japanese DNA experts with the consent of your Ministry "to facilitate the process with the help of our Embassy in Tokyo" (copy enclosed). In the earlier part of the same letter Smt. Ghanashyam informed that Shri Aftab Seth, the then Ambassador of India in Tokyo, had informed that the Mission had identified a Japanese expert for the purpose. With reference to that d.o. letter, the Director, (CNV), was requested to furnish the Commission with the name and further relevant particulars including credentials of the Japanese expert identified by the Indian Mission in Japan for the purpose of the DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple (vide letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/84(III)/238 dt: 3 September, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed). Till now the Commission has not received the name and the particulars of the Japanese expert.

The Commission also contacted the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata.

Shri Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad, informed the Commission that necessary laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test does not exist in India. Dr. Hasnain, Director, CDFD, Hyderabad, was also requested to inform the Commission whether his institute could render necessary help and services to the Commission for preliminary

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examination including anthropological evaluation and necessary photographing for ascertaining whether DNA test could be done. A copy of the d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83 (Vol.III)/420 dt: 20 January, 2004 addressed to Dr.S.E.Hasnain, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed. In reply to this letter, Dr. Hasnain informed that CDFD is not competent enough to provide help in the matter of anthropological evolution and necessary photographing of the ashes (vide his letter CDFD/DNAFD/2003/650 dt: 22.1.2004, a copy of which is enclosed). A copy of the d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/(iii)/379 dt: 30 December, 2003 addressed to Dr V.K. Kashyap, Director Central Forensic Laboratory, Kolkata, wherein the steps taken by the Commission for DNA test of the ashes were elaborately mentioned, is also enclosed to apprise the ministry of the steps taken by the Commission in this regard. In his d.o. letter CFSL(K)VI/03/01/002/Mukh.Com/195 dt: 13 January, 2004 (copy enclosed), Dr. Kashyap, Director Central Forensic Laboratory, Kolkata, informed the Commission that they were preparing a list of Japanese experts suitable for the proposed work and that the same would be forwarded to the Commission very shortly. But till now no name of Japanese expert has been received from him despite several reminders.

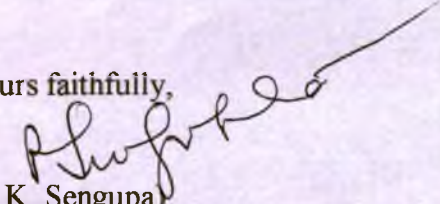
In this backdrop and keeping in view the possible ramifications of taking out the ashes for preliminary examination and anthropological evaluation for DNA tests, which, the Commission feels, only the Government can suitably tackle, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission desires to meet the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs for discussions to sort out, as early as possible, the problems of DNA test and find out ways and means for DNA test for the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple. I am directed to state that the Commission strongly feels that, in the interest of the inquiry, it is imperative that feasibility of the DNA test of the mortal remains should be ascertained and, if feasible, DNA test should be conducted on the mortal remains to ascertain the identity of the deceased with utmost dispatch.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange a meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs as early as possible, preferably in the 1st week of April, 2004. The Hon'ble Chairman may kindly be informed well in advance the date and time of the meeting that may be arranged.

I am to request you to kindly treat this matter as **extremely urgent**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245

September 05, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110 001

Sir,

Sub: DNA tests of alleged ashes of Netaji

I am directed to invite your attention to a news item captioned " Govt. to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test " published in the Delhi edition of the Statesman of Saturday, October 28, 1995 (by-line Subrata Sen of the Statesman News Service). A copy of the Statesman was filed before this Commission by Sri Surya Kumar Basu, a deponent, along with his affidavit no. JMCI/30.

From the first three paragraphs of the aforesaid news it appears that in 1995 the Govt. of India had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for resolving the controversy shrouding the alleged death of Netaji. It further appears that the Govt. of Japan had agreed to cooperate with the Govt. of India in the matter of the DNA tests and had informed the Govt. of India that a tooth of Netaji had been preserved with the ashes which could be used for the DNA tests.

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~~Para~~ three of the news further discloses that the Ministry of External Affairs would form a Committee to ascertain whether the ashes kept in the said temple were those of Netaji or not and that such a Committee would be comprised of the members from the CBI, the DNA Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad, the Govt. of Japan, DNA experts from the USA and the UK and members of Netaji's family. It further appears therefrom that two renowned DNA experts namely, Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK, had already been consulted and both of them reportedly said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

I am now directed to request you to let the Commission know what actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Govt. of India to opt for DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc.

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I am directed to invite your notice to the series of correspondence of the Commission with your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the Commission's decision to have DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji, if it is found feasible after necessary scientific tests and evaluation. You are definitely aware that on examination of the urn allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji by two senior officials of the Embassy of India in Japan at the behest of the Commission it was found that the said urn contained some bones and bone fragments. The Centre For DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, were approached for DNA tests of the alleged ashes containing bones and bone fragments, but the Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology informed their inability to conduct DNA tests in the absence of essential infrastructure for such tests. Thereafter some DNA scientists of the UK, USA and Germany were contacted. From the opinion of some of them it appears that mitochondrial DNA tests may be possible after ascertaining the feasibility of separating DNA by conducting necessary scientific tests and evaluation. Now that the news in the Statesman discloses that as early as in 1995 the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, decided to form a Committee consisting of DNA experts from the USA and UK, members from CBI and the DNA Testing Laboratory and others for ascertaining by DNA tests whether the alleged ashes were those of Netaji or not, I am directed to request you to make available the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent member of the CBI and the DNA experts named in the third paragraph of the said report, namely Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK, to the Commission so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes done without any further avoidable delay.

As the matter is extremely urgent, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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September 05, 2003

Copy forwarded to Sri U.K.Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi/110001. for information.

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.IX

August 4, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is regarding the issue of DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple.

2. Smt. Krishna Bose, MP and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Parliament for External Affairs had separately written to the Ambassador of India in Tokyo to ensure that proper respect is shown to Netaji's mortal remains and that the best expert be chosen for the DNA testing. In January 2003, Shri Aftab Seth, Ambassador of India in Tokyo informed that the Mission had identified a Japanese expert for the purpose. In the background of observations made by Smt Krishna Bose, Ambassador Seth sought Ministry's advice on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and whether a Japanese and an Indian expert need to work together on the project.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs have opined that the selection of a DNA expert in India is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of

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Inquiry. In this background, we would request the Commission to select an Indian and a Japanese DNA expert to enable this Ministry to facilitate the process with the help of our Embassy in Tokyo.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Kolkata, dated. 3rd Sept. '03.

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I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated August 4, 2003 and to request you to kindly furnish immediately the name and other relevant particulars including credential of the Japanese expert who has been identified by the Indian Mission in Japan for the purpose of the D.N.A. testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji temple.

This may kindly be treated as very urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Faxed on 3/9/03 at 5:15 PM



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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/420

January 20, 2004

Dear Dr. Hasnain,

Please refer to my d.o. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/444 (Confidential) dated 5.12.2002 and the subsequent reminders (Copy of the d.o. letter dated 5.12.02 along with its enclosure enclosed for ready reference).

In that d.o. letter dated 5.12.02, you were requested to study a report regarding the contents of the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple, Japan, and give your valued opinion on the point as to whether it is possible to conduct DNA test of the mortal remains in the casket, as revealed by the report, in order to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. The Commission is yet to receive your opinion on the subject.

Meanwhile, the Commission contacted more than one DNA experts in the U.S.A., the U.K. and Germany. The Commission has also been able to obtain specimens of blood from the kins of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, both on his paternal and maternal sides. The samples have been kept preserved in the CFSL Laboratory, Kolkata.

A d.o. letter similar to the one written to you on 5.12.02, as mentioned above, was written to Sri Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad. He promptly replied to that letter informing the Commission that necessary laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test does not exist in India. In pursuance of his advice, the Commission approached Prof. (Dr.) Svante Paabo, Director of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany. In reply to that, Dr. Paabo informed the Commission that they were not in a position to perform 'service work'. He advised the Commission to contact Terry Milton of the Mito-Typing Technologies in the U.S.A. and informed that a number of other Companies in the U.S.A. are engaged in rendering services as asked for by the Commission. In reply to a letter of the Commission, Mr. Terry Milton recommended "a thorough anthropological evaluation of the mortal remains including photograph" before proceeding further in the matter.

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condition of the specimen and the references communicated to Mr. Smith by the Commission. (191)

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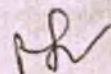
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I am, therefore, directed to request you to inform the Commission whether your institute can render necessary help and services to the Commission for preliminary examination including anthropological evaluation and necessary photographing of the mortal remains for ascertaining whether DNA can be extracted from the mortal remains for DNA test.

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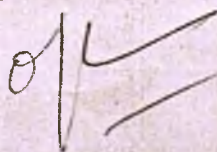
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(P. K. Sengupta)
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Dear Shri Senguptaji,

Thank you for your fax message of January 20, 2004 regarding the follow up on the identification of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

CDFD is not competent to provide help in anthropological evaluation and necessary photographing of the mortal remains. As mentioned earlier, once the same has been identified, we certainly would be in a position to provide the DNA testing including the mitochondrial DNA examination.


This is for your information and necessary action.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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December 30, 2003

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Dear

I am directed to request you to kindly recall the discussions you had with the Hon'ble Chairman in his chamber about the proposed DNA tests on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The Commission has in its possession the photographs of the alleged mortal remains kept in casket in the Renkoji Temple. You have already been shown those photographs and the report received from the Indian Embassy in Japan describing in details the photographed mortal remains.

The Commission first wrote to the Director of the Centre of the Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, and sent a copy of the above-mentioned report along with the letter requesting the Director, Dr Lalji Singh, to give his valued opinion as to whether DNA tests of the mortal remains kept in the casket in the Renkoji Temple, as described in details in the report, was possible to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. A similar letter was written to Dr.S.E.Hasnain, Director, Center for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad .

In reply to my d.o. letter dt: 5.12.03, Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, informed that necessary laboratory facility of the proposed DNA test does not exist in India. He advised the Commission to approach Prof (Dr.) Svante Paabo, Director of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse, Leipzig, Germany. According to Mr Singh, the said Marx Planck Institute is a pioneer in ancient DNA study and they have a full-fledged facility for such study.

In pursuance of the advice of Dr Singh, Prof. Svante Paabo of Marx Planck Institute was requested to let the Commission know about the feasibility of the DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains for establishing the identity of the deceased. In reply to that, Prof. Paabo informed that they were not in a position to perform the service. He informed that there are a number of companies in the U.S.A. engaged in rendering the service as asked for by the Commission. He furnished the address of one of those companies and advised the Commission to contact Mr. Terry Milton of that company (Mito-Typing Technologies).

In reply to the letter of the Commission, Mr. Terry Milton of the Mito-Typing Technologies recommended " a thorough anthropological evaluation of the mortal remains including photography" before proceeding further in the matter. He

also quoted the cost for Forensic Mitochondrial DNA test and recovery of degraded DNA, if that is necessary. A copy of Mr Milton's letter received by e-mail is enclosed.

In pursuance of your subsequent advice, Mr Brian C Smith, Director of Defense, DNA Registry, U.S.A. was also approached by the Commission. The reply to this letter was received by e-mail from Mr Demris A Lee, Technical Director, AFDIL, U.S.A. In this letter Mr Lee expressed his opinion that Mitochondrial DNA analysis would probably be required due to the age and condition of the specimen and the references communicated to Mr Smith by this Commission. He, however, informed that their laboratory would not be able to accept the cause of the Commission as the laboratory was actively involved in identifying the servicemen and women from the Operation of Iraqi Freedom. This letter was received by e-mail in the last week of July this year. The Commission has approached several other DNA experts including the American Academy of Forensic Science and the Forensic Science Service of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

The Commission has received a reply from the Forensic Science Service, U.K. The Forensic Science Service also has recommended preliminary examination of the mortal remains to assess whether the bones are suitable for DNA testing.

In this backdrop, I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know as to how to proceed to get DNA tests of mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple done. As it appears from the opinions of experts so far received, preliminary examination including anthropological evaluation of the mortal remains has to be done first for ascertaining whether DNA can be extracted from the mortal remains for DNA test.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly advise the Commission as to what steps are to be taken for DNA tests and also name of the experts whose services can be utilised for the purpose.

As the matter is extremely urgent, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

With

Yours



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. CFSL(K)/VI/03/01/002/Mukh.Com/195

Dated : Jan. 13, 2004

Dear Sri Sengupta

Please refer your confidential letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/379 dated - 30/12/2003 seeking our suggestions about possibility of DNA tests on the mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple, Japan. From the glimpses of photo of the remains shown by you, I am of the opinion that a meticulous Anthropological evaluation of the mortal remains is essential to ascertain the identity of the source of the remains including suitability for DNA Profiling. A detail 3D photograph of the remnants (mandible) may be helpful in conducting super imposition test, which may provide valuable clues.

I would like to suggest that a team of two Forensic Biologists with expertise in examination of skeleton and DNA, one from India and other from Japan should be deputed to conduct the anthropological examination and evaluation of the suitability of remains for DNA tests.

We are preparing a list of Japanese Experts suitable for this nature of work. The same will be forwarded to you very shortly. If you want any other help in the matter, feel free. CFSL, Kolkata will be happy to provide necessary assistance to the commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V.K. Kashyap)

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No.Tok/102/02/03

Dear Ruchi,

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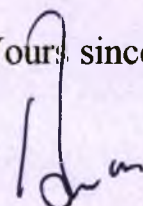
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Encl: As above.

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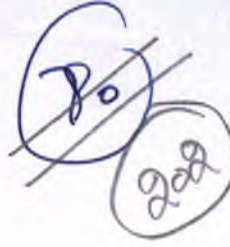


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Dated 15.1.04

Dear Ms Ruchi:

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Please refer to your d.o No.25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 3.11.03 regarding the news-item published on 28.10.95 in the "Statesman".

We have gone through the available MHA records of the relevant period. It is found that no committee of the type mention in the news-item published on 28.10.95 in the "Statesman" was constituted by this Ministry in connection with holding the proposed DNA test on the alleged ashes of Netjai kept in the Renkoji temple.

It will be seen that the news-item contains various references to sources in MEA and JMCI has sought the response of your Ministry in the matter. It will therefore be appropriate if a suitable reply is sent to JMCI from your end.

with sincere regards,

Yours sincerely,

(UMESH KALRA)

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam,
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

November 03, 2003

Dear *Shri Rakesh,*

Please refer to correspondence resting with your letter no. I/12014/13/2000-IS-D (V)-Vol. IV dated 4 September 2003 regarding the issue of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple in Japan.

2. We have meanwhile received a letter from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) [a copy of which has been endorsed to your office], drawing attention to a news item published on **28.10.95** in the '**Statesman**' indicating that the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. A copy of JMCI's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated September 5, 2003 is enclosed for your ready reference.

3. The JMCI has drawn attention to references contained in the 1995 news item about the 'composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc.' and about the opinion of two DNA experts- namely Dr. Michalle Holland from the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan from UK. The Commission has sought to know the subsequent developments that transpired after the Government's reported 1995 decision to opt for DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji.

4. As we do not appear to have information on this, and since the JMCI process falls under the purview of the Ministry of Home Affairs, with the role of the Ministry of External Affairs being limited to being that of a facilitator, it is requested that an appropriate response be sent to the JMCI. A background note prepared recently on the basis of information readily available with us, and which was forwarded to the Deputy Prime Minister by External Affairs Minister, is enclosed.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

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Shri Rakesh,
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September 05, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To
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Sir,

Sub: DNA tests of alleged ashes of Netaji

I am directed to invite your attention to a news item captioned " Govt. to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test " published in the Delhi edition of the Statesman of Saturday, October 28, 1995 (by-line Subrata Sen of the Statesman News Service). A copy of the Statesman was filed before this Commission by Sri Surya Kumar Basu, a deponent, along with his affidavit no. JMCI/30.

From the first three paragraphs of the aforesaid news it appears that in 1995 the Govt. of India had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for resolving the controversy shrouding the alleged death of Netaji. It further appears that the Govt. of Japan had agreed to cooperate with the Govt. of India in the matter of the DNA tests and had informed the Govt. of India that a tooth of Netaji had been preserved with the ashes which could be used for the DNA tests.

Paragraph three of the news further discloses that the Ministry of External Affairs would form a Committee to ascertain whether the ashes kept in the said temple were those of Netaji or not and that such a Committee would be comprised of the members from the CBI, the DNA Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad, the Govt. of Japan, DNA experts from the USA and the UK and members of Netaji's family. It further appears therefrom that two renowned DNA experts namely, Dr. Michelle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK had already been consulted and both of them reportedly said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

I am now directed to request you to let the Commission know what actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Govt. of India to opt for DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc.

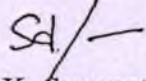
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I am directed to invite your notice to the series of correspondence of the Commission with your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the Commission's decision to have DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji, if it is found feasible after necessary scientific tests and evaluation. You are definitely aware that on examination of the urn allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji by two senior officials of the Embassy of India in Japan at the behest of the Commission it was found that the said urn contained some bones and bone fragments. The Centre For DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, were approached for DNA tests of the alleged ashes containing bones and bone fragments, but the Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology informed their inability to conduct DNA tests in the absence of essential infrastructure for such tests. Thereafter some DNA scientists of the UK, the USA and Germany were contacted. From the opinion of some of them it appears that mitochondrial DNA tests may be possible after ascertaining the feasibility of separating DNA by conducting necessary scientific tests and evaluation. Now that the news in the Statesman discloses that as early as in 1995 the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, decided to form a Committee consisting of DNA experts from the USA and the UK, members from CBI and the DNA Testing Laboratory and others for ascertaining by DNA tests whether the alleged ashes were those of Netaji or not, I am directed to request you to make available the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent member of the CBI and the DNA experts named in the third paragraph of the said report, namely Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK, to the Commission so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes done without any further avoidable delay.

As the matter is extremely urgent, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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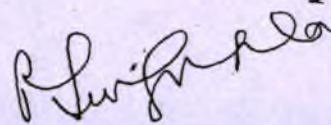
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September 05, 2003

Copy forwarded to Sri U.K.Kalra, Director (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi/110001. for information.

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

The Statesman

DELHI, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1995

(Including The Saturday Statesman)

Govt to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test

SUBRATA SEN
STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27. — The Union Government has decided to opt for DNA testing of Netaji's "ashes" kept in Tokyo before taking a decision to bring it back to India with full honours during Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth centenary next year.

The controversy that shrouds Netaji's death has necessitated that the Union Government should first go for a scientific test to prove that the ashes kept at Renkoji temple in Tokyo are those of Netaji. The Government of Japan has agreed to cooperate with India in this respect and has informed that a tooth of Netaji is preserved with the ashes, which can be used for the requisite DNA tests.

According to sources in the Ministry of External Affairs, to ascertain whether the ashes kept in Tokyo are those of Netaji, a committee will be formed comprising members from the CBI,

DNA testing laboratory of Hyderabad, the Government of Japan and DNA experts from the USA and U.K. Members of Netaji's family will also be included in the committee to avoid any further controversy on the subject. Two renowned DNA experts — Dr. Michelle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Sullivan of the U.K. — had already been consulted and both of them have said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

Incidentally, the remains of Czar Nicholas II, who died in 1917, was verified recently from the remains of bones with DNA samples matched with the Duke of Edinburgh, who is a direct descendant from the mother's side. The Ministry of External Affairs, going by the DNA test of the last Czar, has asked one nephew of Netaji from the mother's side to cooperate in the

DNA testing.

Meanwhile, sources said, the Ministry of External Affairs was trying to collect all information regarding the controversial death theory in a plane crash, which was never believed by a section of Indian population. The authenticity of the ashes has been doubted by many historians too.

According to Ministry sources, the Japan Government, way back in 1956, gave it in writing to the Government of India that the ashes were genuinely those of Netaji's, but India did not react to the confidential report to avoid any political controversy.

The controversy regarding Netaji's "death" mainly arose because the British Intelligence always doubted the "death theory" and even said that Netaji might be hiding somewhere in the erstwhile USSR. Several British Parliamentarians, quoting intelligence reports, have



made statements in Parliament on the subject, thereby creating doubts about his "death".

However, with the Moscow archives being opened after the fall of Communism, some more information has come to light. A team from the Asiatic Society, after having studied the Archive records, has come to the conclusion that Netaji never visited the

country after 1945. The Union Government is likely to request the Russian Government to issue a statement in this respect.

To confirm the "death theory", the Ministry of External Affairs has also obtained a statement from Mr. Habibur Rahman, who was aide-de-camp of Netaji in INA, and believed to have accompanied Netaji in the aircraft. Officials have traced Mr. Rahman in Pakistan, and obtained his version of the "accident".

According to Mr. Rahman, there was a plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, as a result of which Netaji died. The small aircraft was coming from Saigon (now in Vietnam) to Taihoku to refuel and one of the engines caught fire. While Mr. Rahman had a miraculous escape after the crash, Netaji's khaki cotton military dress caught fire while he was trying to escape through the emergency exit. "Netaji came out like

a ball of fire from the aircraft, according to Mr. Rahman. Netaji was taken to the Army Field Hospital at Taihoku, where he died.

Mr. Rahman has also informed that he had the spectacles and one tooth of Netaji, which he deposited at the Tokyo Netaji memorial.

According to the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Prana Mukherjee, the Government would not like to bring back the ashes without being sure of its authenticity. Meanwhile, he has visited Renkoji temple in Tokyo on September 8 with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Salman Haidar, and met several INA members who live in the temple. Mr. Mukherjee, during his recent trip to the U.N., also went to Germany to talk to Netaji's wife, Emilie Bose and his daughter, Anita, who have supported the idea of bringing the ashes to India.



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D.O. No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-D(V) Vol- IV dated 4.9.2003

Dear Mr Ruchi

Please refer to your D.O. No.75/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 12/8/2003 regarding DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

This Ministry's views on the issues relating to DNA test are contained in the letter of even number dated 13/8/2003 addressed to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry with a copy to JS(CNV), MEA. A copy thereof is enclosed herewith for your information.

with regards

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Enclosure as above

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam,
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New Delhi dated 13.8.03

To

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street
Kolkatta 700087.

Subject: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10/4/03 (received in this Section on 26/6/03) and reminder dated 23/7/03 on the subject noted above and to inform you as follows:-

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- (i) The JMCI had asked the Indian embassy in Japan to locate experts to ascertain the feasibility of DNA test on the mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The MEA had asked for the advice of MHA in the matter, which has been furnished vide our letter dated 16/6/03 and 16/7/03.
 - (ii) Decision regarding holding of anthropological evaluation for determining the feasibility of DNA test and selection of experts for the purpose fall within the purview of the JMCI and appropriate decisions have to be taken by it. A formal meeting in MHA with MEA and other Ministries/Departments to decide such matters is not considered necessary.
 - (iii) Once the decision is taken by JMCI, MEA may be informed. MEA has indicated that it will facilitate the visit of experts to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, Renkoji temple authorities etc. are concerned.
 - (iv) If any logistic support from MHA is needed by JMCI, specific proposals for such support may be sent.
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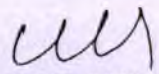
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In connection with the proposed DNA test of the mortal remains alleged to be of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple, Tokyo, the following suggestions have been received in this Ministry from Sh. Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji research Bureau, Kolkata :-

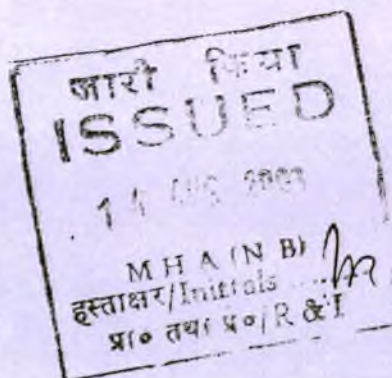
- (a) Since these are in all probability the cremated mortal remains of one of the greatest sons of India, please ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect.
- (b) Any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world.
- (c) Proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments. The Japanese have cared for the mortal remains of our leader for 58 years while we Indians have failed to do our duty.

The Commission may like to consider the above suggestions while deciding the matter..

Yours faithfully,


(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR
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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi.



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**BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSAL FOR DNA
EXAMINATION OF THE ALLEGED MORTAL REMAINS OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, BELIEVED TO BE
KEPT IN RENKOJI TEMPLE, JAPAN**

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up in December 1999 to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith- including whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive; if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged; and whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are indeed the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. By way of background, it may be mentioned that in February 1995, the Union Cabinet had considered the question of bringing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji from Japan to India. While deferring a final decision in the matter, the Cabinet had then directed that the dependability of the arrangements in Japan should be properly examined and that a contingency plan for the proper upkeep of the mortal remains should be drawn up.

3. Thereafter, in September 1995, Shri Ashish C. Ray of CNN who is the son of Netaji's elder brother, had proposed to the Prime Minister to arrange the conducting of a DNA test, which could provide conclusive and incontrovertible evidence as to whether the ashes at Renkoji Temple, are Netaji's or not. It was then further proposed that an international team of experts, one of whom could be from the DNA Centre at Hyderabad, besides observers from the Bose family and other groups, be entrusted with the job.

4. The aspect of security of the 'ashes' kept in an urn at the Renkoji Temple, was also considered and highlighted in the then Foreign Secretary's letter dated 19 June 1995 to the then Home Secretary. It was pointed out then that, like all Shrines in Japan, there is no security, except what is

ensured by the reverence and respect shown by the Japanese towards religious places. The door is normally kept closed though there is no guarantee that it is always locked. It was also stressed that the Shrine is not exclusively devoted to the ashes of Netaji and is visited by other worshippers. Any request from the Indian side to strengthen security was seen as not likely to be received kindly by the Japanese, as the Shrine is a place of worship open to all, and could also provoke the Japanese to suggest that the ashes should be taken to India.

5. In September 2002 a JMCI team visited the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan where it is believed Netaji's ashes are kept. The Embassy of India, Tokyo was requested to obtain expert advice on whether the ashes contain material that can be used for DNA testing. The Mission in Tokyo located a Japanese expert, by the name of Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo. The expert agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA.

6. In the meanwhile, Smt. Krishna Bose, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo, conveying that while she had no objection to the proposal, 'prior and proper arrangements should be made by selecting top DNA experts in the world'. The Renkoji Temple authorities on their part had expressed 'concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under Buddhist traditions' and had conveyed to our Mission, the need to observe proper formalities and notice from the GOI for opening the casket for DNA test, etc.

7. A meeting taken by Special Secretary (JSK) in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 20 May 2003 had discussed the issue of DNA testing of Netaji's alleged remains. MHA officials pointed out that blood samples of two sons of the elder brother of Netaji and one person from his maternal lineage, collected by the Commission had been sent to the DNA testing centre in Hyderabad. The Chief Forensic Adviser present at the meeting opined that material for a DNA test

can be isolated from un-burnt bones and teeth but not from ash. However to ascertain this, the contents of the urn containing the ashes, kept at the Renkoji Temple would need to be examined.

8. In the light of the observations made by Smt. Krishna Bose, advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and as to whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project was sought from the Ministry of Home Affairs which is the nodal agency coordinating work in this regard. MHA, in its initial response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert. Since the JMCI process falls under the purview of the MHA and the role of the MEA is limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.

9. MHA subsequently clarified that the 'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission'. MHA has also clarified the following points:-

- Issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/ selection of experts fall under the JMCI's purview.
- A formal meeting in MHA (with MEA and other concerned Ministries / Departments) to consider these issues is not necessary.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.
- MHA has conveyed suggestions received from Shri Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata underlying the following:-
 - (a) the need to ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect;

- (b) that any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world, and
- (c) that proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments.

10. Given the fact that this is a politically sensitive matter, there is a need to ensure that the concerns and sensitivities of all concerned are taken into account. Our efforts should be to ensure that the process of DNA testing is undertaken with utmost care and that the deepest reverence and respect is shown to the mortal remains of Netaji.



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

April 5, 2004

Dear *Sir,*

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has requested for obtaining a copy of a '**Diary**' said to belong to Lord Mountbatten- the last Viceroy of India. It appears that references to this 'Diary' have been made in depositions before the Commission.

2. A copy of the Commission's letter no. JMCI/DOC/(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518 dated March 25, 2004 forwarded to us by the Ministry of Home Affairs in this connection, is enclosed.

3. We would request you to look into the matter and make all possible efforts to obtain a copy of the said '**Diary**' and arrange to forward the same to us expeditiously.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Satyabrata Pal,
Deputy High Commissioner,
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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
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Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/ DOC(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518

March 25, 2004

Dear

Sir Rakesh,

Some of the deponents before the Commission have referred to the diary of Lord Mountbatten, who was the last Viceroy of India, and they insist on perusal of the diary by the Commission for coming to definite conclusions on the points of reference before it. The Commission has tried in vain to get the diary of Lord Mountbatten or any copy thereof.

Recently some very significant observations about Lord Mountbatten's diary in the notes dt: 23.08.1977 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, IS Division, Desk-III, in the File No: I/12014/9/77-D.III(SNP) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, IS Division, Desk III have come to the notice of the Commission. The subject of the file is "**No day yet named regarding report 74 of the Commission of Inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.**" The relevant portion of the notes are reproduced below:-

" Since the diary appears to have been published now we may perhaps collect a copy of the same through our High Commission in London. But here again the question will be about the correctness of the conclusion drawn by the Khosla Commission on the face of what has been written in the diary". (Para 5 at page 7 of the file). I am sending herewith a photocopy each of the titled pages and the Note Sheet page no.7.

I am directed to request you to kindly make available to the Commission, as early as possible, a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten. If no copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten as referred to in the said notes dt: 23.08.1977 is available with

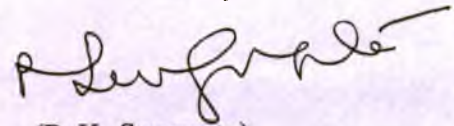
you, a copy of the diary may be collected through Indian High Commission in London and sent to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.

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An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As stated above (3)

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Send relevant extracts to DS(III) (portion X),
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sd/- K.K. Sinha
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Relevant extracts are placed below. D.O.(D.III)
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sd/- Dwarka Nath
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Reference notes on pages 2-3 and 4-5/ante.

2. ✓ Shri Samar Guha had given notice of a
Motion in the Lok Sabha regarding the Report of the
Khosla Commission into the disappearance of Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose. The Motion was discussed in
the Lok Sabha on the 3rd August, 1977. The debate
was inconclusive and during the proceedings in the
House on the 3rd August, 1977, the Speaker had
announced that further discussion on the Motion will
be continued in the next Session. Shri Samar Guha
had also raised points relating to Netaji and
documents/enquiry reports available in some foreign
countries during the discussion of the Demands for
Goods from the Ministry of External Affairs. The
points regarding the documents mentioned by
Shri Samar Guha during the course of the debate and
the availability/attempts made to secure them in the
next Session of the Khosla Commission are discussed
in the following paragraphs.

3. Shri Samar Guha had drawn heavily from the
documents recently published by the Government of U.K.
under the heading "Transfer of Power, 1942-47".

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relating to the closed period published by the Government of U.K. with a view to make available to scholars in convenient printed form, the more important British historical records relating to the period after the war in India. A copy of the book has been obtained from the library. The quotations are from document No. 57 at pages 137-140/cr. As this is an official publication, the authenticity of the document can be assumed. The question, therefore, remains to be considered whether the document would lead to the conclusion of casting doubt on the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the air-crash as concluded by the Khosla Commission on the basis of other documents examined by them and on the evidence recorded during the course of their enquiry.

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2. The next document referred to by the Member is 'Wall's Journal'. Extracts from this document was available to the Netaji Enquiry Commission vide list at flag 'C'.

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3. The third document referred to is the Mountbatten's diary. At the time the Commission was going into the matter the diary of the Supreme Allied Commander South-east Asia (Lord Mountbatten) had not been published. The foreign and Commonwealth Office of the Government of U.K. who were approached for the papers by our High Commission in London suggested that the papers may be perused by an authorised representative of the High Commission (page 193/cr. of file No. 94/57/71-Poll.II). The High Commission have subsequently gone through the files and have forwarded whatever documents were considered relevant for the purpose of enquiry. These were in turn passed on to the Khosla Commission for action. Since the diary appears to have been published now we may perhaps collect a copy of the same through our High Commission in London. But here again the question will be about the correctness of the conclusion drawn by the Khosla Commission on the face of what has been written in the diary.

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4. Shri Somnath Singh had also referred to the letter said to have been written by the President of the Frontier Student Congress in which reference has been made to the denial published by Pravda of the presence of Bose in Russia. In that letter mention seems to have been made of Netaji having used the name Chitlazi Melang while in Russia. The Ministry of Internal Affairs during the course of asking for documents required from the Governments of foreign and advised our Embassy in Moscow also to enquire the Russian Government for all documents that may be available with them and which may have a bearing on the enquiry about the whereabouts of Netaji. The Russian sent a negative reply about availability of documents in Russia in this regard. They also noted an entry made against the name of Netaji in the Great Soviet Encyclopedia that Netaji died during an air-crash in 1945. They informed that in view of the entry in the Encyclopedia not be any use

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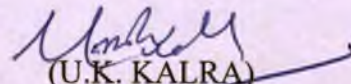
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**Ministry of Home Affairs
(NCB-II Section)**

Dated the 01.4.2004

Please find enclosed a copy of JMCI d.o.letter No.JMCI/DOC(For)/99-2000/56(V)/518, dated 25.3.2004 addressed to JS(S), MHA, regarding obtaining of a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten.

The Ministry of External Affairs is requested to kindly look into the matter and make effort to obtain a copy of the diary of Lord Mountbatten from Indian High Commission in London and send to the Commission as expeditiously as possible.


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR

The Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi
(Ms.Ruchi Ghanshyam, JS(CNV))
MHA, UO No I/12014/1/2004-NCB-II, dated 01.4.2004

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

April 5, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta*,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/11/2000/333 dated 18 November 2003 addressed to Director, Ministry of Home Affairs and copy endorsed to the Ministry of External Affairs regarding request for furnishing original letter dated 17.1.1952 of Shri A.M.Sahay alongwith enclosure.

2. The records in this Ministry for the period 1951-52 were checked. The original letter no. 758/51-S dated 17.01.1952 was not available on file and appeared to have been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The matter was also referred to the MHA, who have conveyed that all available documents/records relating to the Khosla Commission and other miscellaneous files regarding Netaji were checked and found that the said letter from Shri Sahay does not appear to have been received.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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UMESH KALRA
DIR(S)

DO.No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III)/NCB(Vol-V)

Dated 20.2.2004

Dear *Ms Ruchi,*

Sw. 29

Please refer to your D.O.No.25/4/NGO-Vol-XI dated 4.2.04 regarding original letter No.758/51-S dated 17.1.1952 from Shri A.M. Sahay.

All the documents/records relating to Khosla Commission and other miscellaneous files reg. Netaji was checked and found that letter dated 17/1/1952 from Shri A.M. Sahay does not appear to have been received in this office. As the letter was addressed to then Secretary(MEA), it will be proper if a suitable reply is sent to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry from your end.

with sincere regards,

Yours sincerely,

Umesh Kalra
(UMESH KALRA)

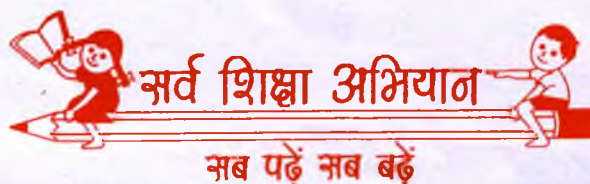
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol XI
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: Meeting sought by Justice M.K.Mukerjee with External Affairs Minister.

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), met JS (CNV) today morning, to discuss various aspects of the Inquiry, vis-a-vis information/documents sought from the Ministry of External Affairs relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. JS (CNV) apprised him of the developments and the progress achieved in this regard. She provided him with a summary of the replies/information sent periodically to the JMCI over the past few months.

3. Acknowledging the assistance and support provided so far, Shri Sengupta highlighted the following two issues, on which further follow-up was required:-

- Composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts
- Working out the modalities for DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji and examination of the casket/urn by an expert to determine whether there is DNA material left in the casket.

4. Shri Sengupta indicated that while JMCI was proceeding separately with the work of selection of DNA experts, MEA's assistance was required with regard to the second issue identified above viz. in charting the modalities for the DNA testing. **In this connection, he stated that the Chairman of JMCI- Justice M.K.Mukerjee has sought a meeting with External Affairs Minister at his earliest convenience.** He wished that a response in this regard be conveyed to him **by 10th April, 2004.**

5. We may request Director (EAMO) to ascertain the convenience of EAM to meet Justice Mukerjee and indicate a suitable date for the Meeting.

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO)
31 March 2004

JS(CNV)

Dir(EAMO) may pls. indicate if EAM would be able to spare the time this month or later.

Dir(EAMO)

EAM has regretted in view of the forthcoming elections. He has suggested that a mtg could be scheduled after the elections.

- J.S. (CNV)

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21/4/2004

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

March 29, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

Please refer to your letters no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(v)/377 dated December 29, 2003 and no. JMCI/Doc (For)/99-2000/56(v)/323 dated November 6, 2003, regarding information sought from the National Archives of Malaysia relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. Our Mission in Kuala Lumpur had taken up the matter again with the National Archives of Malaysia. A copy of the response received by the Mission in this regard, which is self explanatory, is enclosed for the Commission's information and record.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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ANM. 27/1 Jld.21 (58)

6 February 2004

Mr. V. Mahalingam
First Secretary
High Commission of India
No. 2, Jalan Taman Duta
Off Jalan Duta
50480 KUALA LUMPUR.

Dear Sir,

Information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

With reference to your letter of 3 February 2004, I am sorry for not being able to furnish you with any information on the above subject.

Please accept our sincere apologies.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

(YATIMAH RIMUN)
for Director General
National Archives of Malaysia.

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भारत का उच्चायोग
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

24 February 2004

Sub : **Information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**

Dear Madam,

This has reference to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 13 January 2004 regarding information available on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the National Archives of Malaysia.

We are forwarding herewith a copy of the self-explanatory letter No. ANM. 27/1 Jld. 21 (58) dated 6th February 2004, received from National Archives of Malaysia for necessary action at your end.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE) & HOC

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/491.

Kolkata, dated, 4th March '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

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Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter
No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/377 dated 29.12.03
being a reminder in regard to the Commission's letter
No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(v)/323 dated 6.11.03
wherein a reference to second para of the enclosure
to your D.O. letter bearing No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated
12.9.03 was made with the request to pursue the matter
in question with National Archives of Malaysia and
keep the Commission informed of the outcome in time.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to
kindly send the information sought for expeditiously.

Enclosure :
As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Response received
from HCL, KL.
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to JMCI
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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI (iii)

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

March 29, 2004

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is further to my letters no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 and February 16, 2004 in response to your letters no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/621 dated April 1, 2003, no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/301 dated October 29, 2003, no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(v)/331 dated November 12, 2003, no. JMCI/Doc (For)/99-2000/56(v)/374 dated December 26, 2003, and JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/ii/492 dated March 4, 2004 regarding information sought from Russia in connection with JMCI's inquiry proceedings.

2. Our Mission in Moscow, which has been following-up the matter, has periodically sent reminders to the listed witnesses. Meanwhile, Dr. Rybakov- the only one to respond to the communications from the Mission in the past, was again asked to convey his willingness and convenience for appearing as a witness. The Mission has received in response only a copy of his earlier letter (that has already been sent to the Commission). A copy of the same is enclosed again for record.

3. One of the listed witnesses, Professor Y.V.Pechenko of the University of St. Petersburg, died in June 2003. This fact was conveyed to the Commission vide letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX (I) dated 15 July 2003. Academician Bondarovsky- another of the listed witnesses, expired last year, as conveyed in our letter dated 16 February 2004.

4. The Mission in Moscow is continuing with its efforts to locate the other listed witnesses- Mr. V.N.Plastun, Mr. A.A.Kolesnikov and Mr. E.M.Morosov, while reminders have yet again been sent to Mr. A.A.Kirichenko, Mr. U.L.Kuznets, Prof. A.P.Gnachuk-Danielchuk, Dr. A.A.Kutsenkov and Prof. E.N.Komorov..

5. Further inputs received from our Mission in this regard will be communicated to you.

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Copy to :-

Dr. V.K.Paul, First Secretary (Political), Embassy of India, Moscow, alongwith a copy of letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/ii/492 dated March 4, 2004 received from the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). It is requested that the matter be followed-up and Ministry informed of the progress in Mission's efforts to contact the potential witnesses listed by the JMCI.

R. Ghanashyam

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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To Mr. Satbir Singh
Director of Jawaharlal Nehru
Cultural Centre
Embassy of India in Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Singh,

It is very touching for us to know that Indian public is making a lot of efforts in order to find out the mystery of death of Subhas Chandra Bos, outstanding leader of National Liberation movement in India.

Russian indologists are also paying much attention on making research about this outstanding personality. Moreover, Subhas Chandra Bos visited our country trying to find support of Soviet government in his struggle against colonial oppression. Researches on the life and activity of S.Ch.Bos were conducted on the basis of Indian materials, documents of Russian archives as well as materials from Germany and Afghanistan. For the recent years the following works were published or are being prepared for publication:

A.V.Raikov (Lipetsk) "India's most dangerous hour". M., 1999.

Yu.N.Tikhonov (Lipetsk) "The Afghan War of the Third Reich". M., 2003.

R.N.Koltsov (Vladimir) "S.Ch.Bos, the Ideologist and Leader of the Indian National Liberation Movement: Political Views and Activity from 1921 to 1945"

© Yu.Kurnyshin (Moscow) "Paradoxes of political biography of S.Ch.Bos". M. 2000.

At present the researchers of the Institute of Oriental Studies are not doing a special investigation on life and activity of S.Ch.Bos but the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organize a meeting of Russian historians dealing with this problem with the members of the Commission of the judge M.K.Mukerji. The time and place of the meeting can be discussed later.

Director of Institute of Oriental Studies,
Russian Academy of Sciences

R.B.Rybakov

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На № _____

Господину САТБИР СИНГХУ
Директору Культурного центра
им. Дж.Неру
Посольства Индии в РФ

Глубокоуважаемый г-н Сингх!

Мы глубоко тронуты той настойчивостью, с которой индийская общественность старается раскрыть тайну гибели выдающегося деятеля национально-освободительного движения Субхас Чандры Боса:

Русские индологи не могли пройти мимо такой выдающейся личности, тем более что он посетил нашу страну, пытаясь заручиться поддержкой советского правительства в своей борьбе против колониального гнета. Исследования жизни, деятельности и судьбы С.Ч.Боса проводились на основе индийских материалов, документов русских архивов, а также материалов из Германии и Афганистана. За последние несколько лет были опубликованы или готовятся к публикации нижеперечисленные работы по этой проблеме:

А.В.Райков (Липецк) «Опаснейший час Индии», М. 1999.

Ю.Н.Тихонов (Липецк) «Афганская война Третьего рейха» М. 2003.

Р.Н.Кольцов (Владимир) «С.Ч. Бос – идеолог и лидер индийского национально-освободительного движения: политические взгляды и деятельность с 1921-1945 гг.». М. 2000.

О.Ю.Курнышин (Москва) «Парадоксы политической биографии С.Ч.Боса». М. 2000.

Сотрудники Института востоковедения в настоящее время специально не занимаются исследованием жизни и деятельности С.Ч.Боса, однако ИВ РАН готов устроить встречу российских историков, занимавшихся этой проблемой, с членами Комиссии судьи М.К.Мукерджи. Время и место могут быть оговорены дополнительно.

С уважением

Директор ИВ РАН



Рыбаков Р.Б.

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Kolkata, dated, 4th March '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
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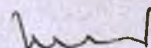
Madam,

(Suo. 30)

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO - Vol. XI dated 16.02.04 and to request you to let the Commission know the development in respect of the witnesses cited in para 4 of the aforesaid letter. I am directed to add that a list of witnesses furnished by Dr. Purabi Roy is sent herewith with the request for ascertaining the following :

- 1) Their present whereabouts ;
- 2) Whether they are willing to be examined as witnesses before the Commission ;
- 3) If not, whether they are willing to interact with the Commission.
- 4) Their convenience regarding place and time for deposing before the Commission or interacting with the Commission, as the case may be.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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List of the Witnesses proposed by Dr. Purabi Roy (JMCI/45/2000)

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No. MOS/POL/125/01/90

March 3, 2004

Dear Madam,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). In response, we had sent a letter of even number dated January 29, 2004, addressed to Shri Sandip Mitra, Under Secretary (NGO), MEA, a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference. Given below is some additional information which may kindly be suitably correlated.

2. Our Consul General in St. Petersburg has informed that Prof. Pechenko passed away in June 2003. A copy of a letter dated June 30, 2003 addressed to JS(CNV) conveying the same is enclosed.

3. We had again approached Dr. R.B. Rybakov, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow seeking his willingness and convenience for being examined as a witness by JMCI. However, in response, we have been sent a letter, which had earlier been also sent to us (copy enclosed).

4. Reminders have been sent to Mr. A.A. Kirichenko, Mr. U.L. Kuznets, Prof. A.P. Gnachuk-Danielchuk, Dr. A.A. Kutsenkov, and Prof. E.N. Komorov. As regards Mr. V.N. Plastun, Mr. A.A. Kolesnikov, and Mr. E.M. Morosov, efforts are underway to locate them and obtain their responses.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Virander Paul)

Enclosures: As above

Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam
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29 January 2004

Dear Shi Meh,

This has reference to Director(CNV)'s letters No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 12 November 2003 and No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 12 January 2004 in connection with Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. We have so far not received any replies from the witnesses who were sent written communications on 9 June 2003. We have once again sent reminders to all the witnesses. As requested by the Commission, Dr. Rybakov has been asked to convey his willingness and convenience for appearance as a witness.

2. Regarding availability of material related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the KGB archives, a note verbale No. 1907/3DA dated 20 March 2003 received from the Russian MFA refers. This note verbale was forwarded to your Division vide letter no. MOS/POL/125/01/90 on 21 March 2003. In the 5th paragraph, it is stated that no material on the fate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was found in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB. (KGB is now known as FSB in the Russian Federation.)

3. Since we have received no response from Mr. Komorov, a reminder has been sent to him.

4. The whereabouts of Mr. Pechenko is being ascertained through our CGI, St. Petersburg.

These details are conveyed to JMC vide letter dt. 16/2/04

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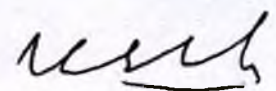
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5. The Embassy is continuing its efforts to locate Mr. V.N. Plastun, Mr. A.A. Kolesnikov and Mr. E.M. Morosov.
6. One of the witnesses, Academician Bondarovsky expired last year.

regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Rahul Shrivastava)

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MOST IMMEDIATE
FAX MESSAGE

No. SPB/103/1/2001(part)

30th June, 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

Please refer to my earlier fax message of even number dated 14th May, 2003 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We have just been informed that Professor Y.V. Petchenko, succumbed to ill health and left for his heavenly abode last week. We were not able to meet him as he was hospitalized all the time and as such could not hand over the letter to him.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ashok Kumar Sharma)
Consul General

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Date 30/6/03 Time 1525 hrs.

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На № _____

Господину САТБИР СИНГХУ
Директору Культурного центра
им. Дж.Неру
Посольства Индии в РФ

Глубокоуважаемый г-н Сингх!

Мы глубоко тронуты той настойчивостью, с которой индийская общественность старается раскрыть тайну гибели выдающегося деятеля национально-освободительного движения Субхас Чандры Боса:

Русские индологи не могли пройти мимо такой выдающейся личности, тем более что он посетил нашу страну, пытаясь заручиться поддержкой советского правительства в своей борьбе против колониального гнета. Исследования жизни, деятельности и судьбы С.Ч.Боса проводились на основе индийских материалов, документов русских архивов, а также материалов из Германии и Афганистана. За последние несколько лет были опубликованы или готовятся к публикации нижеперечисленные работы по этой проблеме:

А.В.Райков (Липецк) «Опаснейший час Индии», М. 1999.

Ю.Н.Тихонов (Липецк) «Афганская война Третьего рейха» М. 2003.

Р.Н.Кольцов (Владимир) «С.Ч. Бос – идеолог и лидер индийского национально-освободительного движения: политические взгляды и деятельность с 1921-1945 гг.». М. 2000.

О.Ю.Курицын (Москва) «Парадоксы политической биографии С.Ч.Боса». М. 2000.

Сотрудники Института востоковедения в настоящее время специально не занимаются исследованием жизни и деятельности С.Ч.Боса, однако ИВ РАН готов устроить встречу российских историков, занимавшихся этой проблемой, с членами Комиссии судьи М.К.Мукерджи. Время и место могут быть оговорены дополнительно.

С уважением

Директор ИВ РАН



Рыбаков Р.Б.

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To Mr. Satbir Singh
Director of Jawaharlal Nehru
Cultural Centre
Embassy of India in Russian Federation

Dear Mr. Singh,

It is very touching for us to know that Indian public is making a lot of efforts in order to find out the mystery of death of Subhas Chandra Bos, outstanding leader of National Liberation movement in India.

Russian indologists are also paying much attention on making research about this outstanding personality. Moreover, Subhas Chandra Bos visited our country trying to find support of Soviet government in his struggle against colonial oppression. Researches on the life and activity of S.Ch.Bos were conducted on the basis of Indian materials, documents of Russian archives as well as materials from Germany and Afghanistan. For the recent years the following works were published or are being prepared for publication:

A.V.Raikov (Lipetsk) "India's most dangerous hour". M., 1999.

Yu.N.Tikhonov (Lipetsk) "The Afghan War of the Third Reich". M., 2003.

R.N.Koltsov (Vladimir) "S.Ch.Bos, the Ideologist and Leader of the Indian National Liberation Movement: Political Views and Activity from 1921 to 1945"

O.Yu.Kurnyshin (Moscow) "Paradoxes of political biography of S.Ch.Bos". M. 2000.

At present the researchers of the Institute of Oriental Studies are not doing a special investigation on life and activity of S.Ch.Bos but the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, is ready to organize a meeting of Russian historians dealing with this problem with the members of the Commission of the judge M.K.Mukerji. The time and place of the meeting can be discussed later.

Director of Institute of Oriental Studies,
Russian Academy of Sciences

R.B.Rybakov

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No.25/4/NGO-Vol XI
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: Proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) team to Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore-Publication of notice.

MHA may kindly refer to their U.O. note no. I/12014/6/2001-IS (V)/NCB-II. pt.III, dated 11.3.2004 on the above noted subject.

2. The Ministry of External Affairs has separately written to the Secretary, JMCI- highlighting the constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI and about the feasibility of the proposed visit by the JMCI team to Taipei. A copy of letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI, March 18, 2004 in this regard is enclosed for MHA's information and record.

3. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice about the visit, that was published in '**The China Post, Taipei**' on 19.3.2004.

R. Ghanashyam

[Ruchi Ghanashyam]
Joint Secretary [CNV]

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS)), North Block, New Delhi.

MEA U.O. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XI, dated 29 March 2004

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

March 15, 2004

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8th January 2004 and JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426 dated January 22, 2004 in response to my earlier letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol X, dated 25th November 2003 and other related correspondence regarding your request for assistance in obtaining documents from authorities in Taiwan and for the proposed visit of the JMCI team to Taiwan.

2. We had approached the **India-Taipei Association (ITA)**, a Non-Governmental office in Taipei, for assistance in obtaining the requisite documents. The Commission's specific requests were brought to the notice of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan. The authorities examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City Government and other agencies. The outcome of the efforts made by the ITA in this regard is summarised below:-

[a] The three original documents sought by the Commission, as listed below, are **not** available with Taiwanese authorities-

- The Record of Cremation Permits issued between 18-22 August, 1945;
- The application for Cremation Permit said to have been filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alledged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro; and
- The original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro;

[b] Photocopies of following two documents have been provided-

- Page 531 of the "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (available with Ministry of National Defence) containing a lone reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in the sentence- "Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport" (free translation from Chinese text).

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- A letter dated 22.4.1966 from Taipei City "Government" [Bureau of Health] to Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying depositions of 2 employees working at the Crematorium.

[c] While pointing out that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation during the said period [August 1945], the Taiwanese authorities have informed that they are not in possession of any other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei on or around 18 August 1945.

3. The documents mentioned at para 2(b) above are enclosed [Chinese text of "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (Annexure-I) **and** a copy of the handwritten letter from the Taipei City "Government" alongwith a free translation in English (Annexure-II)].

4. In earlier instances, it was conveyed that the concerned Taiwanese authorities had not been able to locate the witnesses sought by the Commission. However, the fresh list of witnesses attached to your letter dated January 22, 2004 has been sent to the ITA.

5. As regards the feasibility of the proposed visit by the JMCI team to Taipei, the India-Taipei Association (ITA) has identified the following constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI:-

- Visit to the operational domestic airport in Taipei is feasible only after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies.
- The Military Hospital does not exist any more, nor is anyone aware of where it existed.
- The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore.
- Taiwan's National Archives does not have any record of the crash of the military aircraft, which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it.
- The ITA's attempts to locate related records, documents and material information, from Taiwan's National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal authorities and the Airport authorities, have proved to be unsuccessful so far.

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- There is no information as to whether the site of the alleged plane crash, the site of the Japanese Military Field Hospital, etc. still remain. It is highly improbable that these sites would remain, given the rapid economic development witnessed in Taiwan during the past fifty years.

6. The above inputs notwithstanding, if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA would be requested to extend all possible assistance to any visiting JMCI team. We trust that the Commission would appreciate the sensitivities involved and would avoid public mention of the assistance being sought from the ITA. The **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** is a non-governmental office in Taipei and if there are to be any references to the ITA in JMCI's reports, it should be characterised as such. It may also be noted that as a non-governmental office, **ITA** will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of a visiting JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of likely expenses.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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March 09, 2004

N O T I C E

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters :-

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The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available in Taiwan, particularly Taipei. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit Taiwan.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Commission direct at the postal address, Fax No. and e-mail address of the Commission given above.

By Order

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**Ministry of Home Affairs
NCB-II DESK**

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Subject: Proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore – Publication of notice regarding the proposed visit of the Commission and its objects.

The undersigned is directed to refer to JMCI's endorsement No.JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/450/1 dated 20/2/04 on the subject noted above.

MEA is requested to kindly look into the matter and furnish their views/advice urgently so that a suitable reply is sent to JMCI without further delay.

Umesh Kalra
(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S)

Ministry of External Affairs, Attn: Ms.Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director(CNV), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA U.O.No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(V)/NCB-II pt.III dated 11.3.04

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Letter to JMCI about visit was issued on 8/3.
Copy of Notice published in the China Post, Taipei
on 19.3.2004 has been received by fax from
ITA.(F/X). We may inform MHA accordingly
as per draft U.O. no. placed below.

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Secretary

The China Post, Taipei, 15th March 2004

To : 1) JS (CONV)
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From ITA, Taipei

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The China Post, Taipei, 15th March 2004

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March 9, 2004

Dear Ruchi,

This is with reference to your D.O No.25/4/NGO/Vol.XI dated February 20, 2004 regarding authenticated copies requested by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). I have already sent a letter to Princeton University, New Jersey. We are awaiting response from them.

This is also to inform you that I moved out of the Political Wing to Commerce Wing. You may like to correspond with Minister (Pol)/ Counsellor (Pol) in future correspondence.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely

(V. Venkateswara Rao)

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February 23, 2004

Dear Ruchi, Smt B

Please refer to the communication reg. JMCI. As informed you over telephone we had already taken up the matter with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to request them by a letter to expedite the information required by the Commission. FCO was reminded by me on 19.2.04. DHC also raised the issue with Director (FCO) during his meeting on 20.2.04. As and when the information is received the same would be communicated to you.

With regards, and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(P.M. Meena)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Director (CNV),
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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/448.

Dated the 20th Feb'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's
letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8.1.2004
(copy enclosed for ready reference) and to say that
reply thereto is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to
kindly send the report and the documents solicited
in the aforesaid letter.

Enclosure : As stated.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394.

Kolkata, dated, 8th January '04. (257)

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter bearing No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 25.11.2003, from which it transpires that you are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by us in our letter no. 289 dated 17.10.03 to the Mayor of Taipei.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send a progress report in the matter as also to make available to the Commission as early as possible all the documents, as mentioned in the said letter dated 17.10.03 addressed to the Mayor of Taipei.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

March 15, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8th January 2004 and JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426 dated January 22, 2004 in response to my earlier letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol X, dated 25th November 2003 and other related correspondence regarding your request for assistance in obtaining documents from authorities in Taiwan and for the proposed visit of the JMCI team to Taiwan.

2. We had approached the **India-Taipei Association (ITA)**, a Non-Governmental office in Taipei, for assistance in obtaining the requisite documents. The Commission's specific requests were brought to the notice of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan. The authorities examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City "Government" and other agencies. The outcome of the efforts made by the ITA in this regard is summarised below:-

[a] The three original documents sought by the Commission, as listed below, are **not** available with Taiwanese authorities-

- The Record of Cremation Permits issued between 18-22 August, 1945;
- The application for Cremation Permit said to have been filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alledged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro; and
- The original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro;

[b] Photocopies of following **two documents have been provided**-

- **Page 531** of the "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (available with Ministry of National Defence) containing a lone reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in the sentence- "**Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport**" (free translation from Chinese text).

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- A letter dated 22.4.1966 from Taipei City "Government" [Bureau of Health] to Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying depositions of 2 employees working at the Crematorium.

[c] While pointing out that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation during the said period [August 1945], the Taiwanese authorities have informed that they are not in possession of any other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei on or around 18 August 1945.

3. The documents mentioned at para 2(b) above are enclosed [Chinese text of "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (Annexure-I) **and** a copy of the handwritten letter from the Taipei City "Government" alongwith a free translation in English (Annexure-II)].

4. In earlier instances, it was conveyed that the concerned Taiwanese authorities had not been able to locate the witnesses sought by the Commission. However, the fresh list of witnesses attached to your letter dated January 22, 2004 has been sent to the ITA.

5. As regards the feasibility of the proposed visit by the JMCI team to Taipei, the India-Taipei Association (ITA) has identified the following constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI:-

- Visit to the operational domestic airport in Taipei is feasible only after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies.
- The Military Hospital does not exist any more, nor is anyone aware of where it existed.
- The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore.
- Taiwan's National Archives does not have any record of the crash of the military aircraft, which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it.
- The ITA's attempts to locate related records, documents and material information, from Taiwan's National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal authorities and the Airport authorities, have proved to be unsuccessful so far.

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- There is no information as to whether the site of the alleged plane crash, the site of the Japanese Military Field Hospital, etc. still remain. It is highly improbable that these sites would remain, given the rapid economic development witnessed in Taiwan during the past fifty years.

6. The above inputs notwithstanding, if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA would be requested to extend all possible assistance to any visiting JMCI team. We trust that the Commission would appreciate the sensitivities involved and would avoid public mention of the assistance being sought from the ITA. The **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** is a non-governmental office in Taipei and if there are to be any references to the ITA in JMCI's reports, it should be characterised as such. It may also be noted that as a non-governmental office, **ITA** will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of a visiting JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of likely expenses.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rgnanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

March 10, 2004

Dear *Vijay*,

Thank you for your fax no. Tai/POI/I/2004 dated 10 February, 2004 forwarding information and documents sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). The documents are being forwarded to the Commission alongwith our views on the proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taipei.

2. The JMCI have meanwhile forwarded a list of witnesses it wishes to examine and the places it plans to visit in Taiwan. A copy of the list is enclosed. We shall be grateful for your feedback in the matter.

With warm wishes

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director General
India-Taipei Association
Taipei

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List of witnesses and places in Taipei.

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Overseas Chinese Affairs
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of Republic China. Was in Calcutta Consul-General.
3. Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa, M.P. Off.519795
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No. JMCI/11/2000/495.

Kolkata, dated, 5th March '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to the M.H.A's U.O. No. I-12014/13/2000-IS(D.III)/NCB(Vol.V) dated 30.12.03 endorsed to the Director (CNV) M.E.A. and to say that no reply has yet been received by the Commission from the M.E.A. as requested therein by the M.H.A.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/11/2000/495(1).

Dated 5.03.04.

Copy forwarded for information and for taking necessary action to : Shri Umesh Kalra, Director(s) Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block New Delhi-110001, with reference to his U.O. No. MHA U.O. No. I-12014/13/2000-IS(D.III)/NCB dated 30.12.2003.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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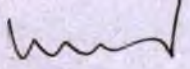
Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's registered D.O. letter No. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426 dated 22.1.04 addressed to you (copy enclosed) and to say that reply thereto is yet to be received.

In view of the impending visit of the Commission to Taiwan, I am directed to request you to kindly send your reply to the aforesaid d.o. letter as expeditiously as possible.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
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D.O. No. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426

January 22, 2004

Dear Ms Ghanashyam,

Please refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO/Volume X dated 25.11.03. Inviting your attention to the last sentence of para 3 of your above-quoted d.o. letter, I am directed to say that no further communication in the matter has been received from your end inspite of a reminder dated 8.1.04 (vide letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8.1.04).

It is not yet known to the Commission whether you have been able to get any assistance of any agency/organisation for obtaining the documents asked for by the Commission.

For its intended visit to Taiwan, the Commission needs your assistance not only for obtaining the requisite documents but also for contacting the witnesses it wants to examine at Taipei. The Commission also needs assistance for identifying the relevant places the Commission wants to visit for the purposes of the inquiry.

As the time is fast running out, the Commission is also seeking assistance of private individuals/agencies/organisations to supplement your endeavours in the matter. As was done by the Khosla Commission, the Commission is writing letters of request to the Editors of three news papers of Taiwan for publishing a notice about the proposed visit of the Commission and its objects. The names and addresses of the news papers have been obtained from a file of the Khosla Commission recently received from the Govt. of India. To be precise, the Commission is trying to follow the same procedure which was followed by the Khosla Commission for achieving the objects of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan.

I am directed to request you again to ensure that the Commission may have access to all relevant documents about the alleged plane crash and the resultant alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Taiwan. I am further directed to request you again to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission so that it may get,

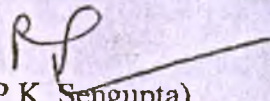
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without any further delay, information about some places relevant to the points of inquiry which have already been communicated to you and the present whereabouts of the relevant witnesses, if any, available at Taipei.

A list of witnesses the Commission wants to examine and the places it wants to visit in Taiwan is enclosed.

Expecting an early reply and with best wishes,

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo: As stated

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam
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FAX MESSAGE / URGENT

No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

10 February 2004

Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Enquiries regarding

Dear Director,

Please refer to your D.O.No. 25/4/NGO/Vol X dated 25 November 2003.

The attention of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan has been drawn to the specific requests for original documents relating to the above subject matter, made by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the Mayor of the Taipei City Government vide letter No. JMJC/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated October 17, 2003. The authorities, having examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City Government and other agencies, have orally informed us of the following:

(1) The three original documents sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in connection with the ongoing inquiry, namely the Record of the Cremation Permits issued during the period 18 - 22 August 1945, the application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and / or Ichiro Okiro, and the original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and / or Ichiro Okiro, are **NOT** repeat **NOT** available with Taiwanese authorities.

(2) The Taiwanese authorities have provided us photo-copies of two documents:

(a) A Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China that is available with the "Ministry of National Defence", which contains a chronology of its major events. Page 531 of the said record contains the following sentence: "*Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport.*" (free translation from Chinese text). This is the sole reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in that military record. No other reference can be found in that record. A copy of the document given to us (relevant portion tick -marked and side-lined) is at Annexure I.

(b) A letter written by the Taipei City Government to the "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" dated 22 April 1966 (22 April in the 55th Year of the Republic of China) conveying the depositions of two employees at the

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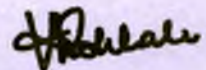
crematorium on reports about the alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose is mentioned. A copy of the handwritten letter from the Taipei City Government along with a free translation in English is enclosed at Annexure II.

(3) Taiwanese authorities have informed us that they are not in the possession of other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei on or around 18 August 1945. Taiwanese authorities also say that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation at the time.

I also refer you to earlier messages sent by the Deputy Director General of this Association on 20 August 2002 and 9 September 2002 relating to inquiries made by this Association with local authorities on eye-witnesses and places connected to the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose. The information contained therein is also relevant to the matter, and you may wish to draw the attention of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the information contained therein, as appropriate.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



(Vijay Gokhale)
Director General

**Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Director,
Ministry of External Affairs**

Copy: **Director General, ITA Council, New Delhi**

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「日軍對華作戰紀要」叢書—四三

陸海軍年表

大事年表與軍語

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中華民國八十年五月

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Ref. to death
of S.C. Bose

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集結於東京上野主張避戰（按動機係於二〇日返回水戶）。

「滿洲國」溥儀皇帝在宮廷列車內宣布退位（一九日中午稍後在瀋陽機場被蘇軍逮捕送往蘇聯）。蘇軍以奇襲登陸占守島。占守島的部隊反擊來攻的蘇軍（給予蘇聯艦船重大損害。日軍於一六時停止戰鬥）。庫頁島的步兵第二五聯隊長在逢坂村莊的神社內焚燬軍旗。候德拉波斯在臺北機場因飛機事故受傷死亡。第一師團長片岡在宿霧島北部的伊利罕簽署降書。大本營下令各軍及參謀總長停止所有武力的行使，而任務的解除時機另行示知。第三〇二海軍航空隊（厚木）的反對停戰事件已告終息。

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日軍中止北千島的戰鬥行動。大本營下令第一、第二總軍與航空總軍於八月二日零時以後解除任務與停止行使武力。參謀總長指示第五方面軍作局部停戰談判與武器的移交等。大本營海軍部下令停戰與解除武裝。關東軍總參謀長兼中將會見蘇方，進行與蘇軍停戰的第一次談判（一七日向哈爾濱的蘇聯領事館提出停戰談判）。

二〇

蘇聯特別行動隊在航空與艦砲支援下登陸庫頁島的厚岡。庫頁島的蘇軍步哨在荒貝附近射殺我軍使（一〇名）。閔院宮春仁王大臣在新加坡向南方軍轉達聖旨。參謀次長河邊虎四郎中將在馬尼拉與盟軍交涉停戰（二二日以後停止所有戰鬥行動）。第五方面軍司令官允許現地兵團作局部停戰談判與武器的移交等。

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Annexure II

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二當時之火葬場雖有林水木共朱生(親為火葬場場長編制貴部資料上之台北大華場之長)HU TSUNG恐即為嫌伏朱生。

三關於前台北新生院長高姓(敬遠對)HARIN SHAN表示係日人故意誘降飛機殺害鮑斯一節經詢高院長聲稱彼係廿四年十一月一日就任衛生院長在八月十八日之時台省尚未光復對於當時情況亦未瞭解亦未對印人記者發表上述談話。

久函復 查照

四副本抄送台北市政府安全室。

局長李悌元

台北市衛生局

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Letter from Bureau of Health

Receiver: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date: April 22, 1966 (April 22 in 55th year of the Republic of Chinese)

Reference No.: (55) Taipei Wei An Zhi No. 042

Classification: secret

1. Reference no.06095/ Asian Pacific 3, MOFA
2. Regarding a disputed case of former Indian Congress leader Bose who is missing. The investigation report states as follows;
 - (A) Lee Jin Kuei and Chen Zhi Zhe (Tanchi Chi) employees of Taipei crematorium, are still alive and are still working in Bureau of Health. According to Lee Jin Kuei, he worked in the office at the time and handled the procedures for permission, and not at the crematorium. Therefore, he does not know the facts of this case. According to Chen Zhi Zhe, on that day, Bose's adjutant (Indian) and some Japanese were at the crematorium. They had been opened the coffin to conduct a post-mortem. (According to Chen Zhi Zhe, the coffin was very thick and loaded with lime. Bose's body was wrapped in a white cloth. However, the head was uncovered and he could see the eyes, nose and mouth were very seriously burnt. Japanese wanted to send Bose's coffin back to Japan. However, the size of the coffin was too big, the airplane could not hold the coffin, therefore the body was cremated.) Bose's bone ash was sent back to Japan with his adjutant (reportedly there were 4 Indians). Bose's Japanese name was "安東一郎".
 - (B) The cremators were Lin Shui Mu and Zhu Sheng, who have since passed away. In the system there is no such position as Director of the crematorium. According to the data with MOFA, the Director of crematorium may have been Chu Tsung, who might be also one of the cremators Zhu Sheng.

© Regarding what the former Director of the Bureau of Health, Taipei, Kao Chuan Yuan reportedly told Harin Shan that Japanese deliberately killed Bose by crash landing on purpose, it is stated that Kao Chuan Yuan took up the post on Nov. 1, 1945. And on Aug. 18, Taiwan was still governed by Japanese. He did not know the situation and did not make any such statement to the above- mentioned Indian journalist.
3. Please note.
4. The copy has been sent to Taipei City Government, Dept. Security.

Lee Tie Yuan
Director

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

S.m. (H)

S.m. 80/c

This has reference to the fax message of August 23, 2002 from Shri Vijay Gokhale and our interim reply of August 23, 2002 regarding the alleged disappearance of Netaji.

We have checked up with the National Archives of Taiwan and National Central Library, Taiwan Branch to find any reference to the above incident. We checked up two newspapers (these are the only available newspapers for the period in question with the library) - Taiwan Xinbao (in Japanese) and Chungyang Ribao (in Chinese) for the entire month of August, 1945 at the Library but failed to find any news-report on Netaji in either of them. The National Archives does not have any record of the crash of military aircraft which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it. As earlier intimated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here has also been unsuccessful in locating any relevant material.

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orders.

Point wise response to the queries raised in the paragraph 3 of the above message are as follows:

- a. Taihoku (Sung Shan) airport is the operational domestic airport in Taipei. Visit to the airport is feasible after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies. But it is not at all likely that any new piece of information will be forthcoming as there are no records of that period available with the airport authorities. The physical layout of the airport has changed so much over the years that no body even knows where exactly the air-crash took place (Dr. Krishna Bose had recently visited Taipei. With the assistance from the local

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- authorities, she visited SungShan airport but could not see anything of relevance.).
- b. Nam Mong Military Hospital does not exist any more. No one here has any clear idea of where this hospital existed. However, the officials at the National Archives and the Department of Health guess that this hospital might have been at the same place as the former Weixu hospital. The erstwhile Weixu hospital was located at the intersection of Chunghua Road Section-1 and Guangzhou Street. The previous records of Weixu hospital are not available anywhere in Taiwan since this hospital also has ceased to exist since the late 1940s. The authorities at the National Archives guess that they were burnt.
- c. The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist any more and no clues to the location of its past records could be found. The Crematorium has been converted into a green park (Nos.14 and 15) at the intersection of Chung Shan North Road Section-2 and Nanjing East Road Section-1.
- d. On checking up with the Taipei Municipal authorities, we have been told that they are not aware of any organisation with such a nomenclature. They do not have any records of any such office.
- e. Hokutu Military Hospital is currently known as National Force Beitou Military Hospital at plot no. 60, Xin Min Road in Beitou, Taipei. We checked up with the authorities there only to find that they do not have any records older than 1992. All the earlier records have already been destroyed.

Given that no one in the National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal Government, Airport authorities – all of whom we have contacted, has been able to indicate anything regarding the availability of records in Taiwan, rest of information is not forthcoming.

This issues with DG's approval.

Date: 9.9.2002

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Deputy Director General

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

March 09, 2004

Dear

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8th January 2004 and JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426 dated January 22, 2004 in response to my earlier letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol X, dated 25th November 2003 and other related correspondence regarding your request for assistance in obtaining documents from authorities in Taiwan and for the proposed visit of the JMCI team to Taiwan.

2. We had approached the **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** in Taipei for assistance in obtaining the requisite documents. The Commission's specific requests were brought to the notice of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan. The "authorities" examined these requests in consultation with the "Taipei City Government" and other agencies. The outcome of the efforts made by the ITA in this regard is summarised below:-

[a] The three original documents sought by the Commission, as listed below, are **not** available with Taiwanese authorities-

- The Record of Cremation Permits issued between 18-22 August, 1945;
- The application for Cremation Permit said to have been filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alledged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro; and
- The original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and /or Ichiro Okiro;

[b] Photocopies of following **two documents have been provided**-

- **Page 531** of the "Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China" (available with Ministry of National Defence) containing a lone reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in the sentence- **"Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport"**.

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- A letter dated 22.4.1966 from "Taipei City Government" [Bureau of Health] to "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" conveying depositions of 2 employees working at the Crematorium.

[c] While pointing out that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation during the said period [August 1945], the Taiwanese "authorities" have informed that they are not in possession of any other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei.

3. The documents mentioned at para 2(b) above are enclosed (Annexure I and II).

4. In earlier instances, it was conveyed that the concerned Taiwanese "authorities" had not been able to locate the witnesses sought by the Commission. However, the fresh list of witnesses attached to your letter dated January 22, 2004 is being sent to the ITA.

5. As regards the feasibility of the proposed visit by the JMCI team to Taipei, the India-Taipei Association (ITA) has identified the following constraints and difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the specific requirements spelt out by the JMCI:-

- Visit to the operational domestic airport in Taipei is feasible only after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies.
- The Military Hospital does not exist any more, nor is anyone aware of where it existed.
- The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore.
- Taiwan's National Archives does not have any record of the crash of the military aircraft, which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it.
- The ITA's attempts to locate related records, documents and material information, from Taiwan's National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal authorities and the Airport authorities, have proved to be unsuccessful so far.

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- There is no information as to whether the site of the alleged plane crash, the site of the Japanese Military Field Hospital, etc. still remain. It is highly improbable that these sites would remain, given the rapid economic development witnessed in Taiwan during the past fifty years.

6. The above inputs notwithstanding, if the Commission were to decide in favour of a visit to Taiwan, the ITA [would be prepared] to extend all possible assistance to any visiting JMCI team. We trust that you appreciate the sensitivities involved and would avoid public mention of the assistance being sought from the ITA. The **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** is a non-governmental office in Taipei and if there are to be any references to the ITA in JMCI's reports, it should be characterised as such. ②

would
have been
requested

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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② It may also be noted that as a non-governmental office, ITA will not be able to incur any expenditure on behalf of a visiting JMCI team, which will have to carry necessary funds to take care of likely expenses.

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

March 09, 2004

Dear

Thank you for your fax no. Tai/POI/I/2004 dated 10 February, 2004 forwarding information and documents sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). The documents are being forwarded to the Commission alongwith our views on the proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taipei.

2. The JMCI have meanwhile forwarded a list of witnesses it wishes to examine and the places it plans to visit in Taiwan. A copy of the list is enclosed. We shall be grateful for your feedback in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director General
India-Taipei Association
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28/2**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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No. JMCI/TAIWAN/2003-2004/89/450

February 20, 2004

From : P.K. Sengupta
SecretaryTo
Shri Rakesh
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi 110 001*It would be necessary to remind them once again of our advice regarding Taiwan. But pls. trace the letter referred to before any such step is taken.**SOL/NGO)**Rg 11/3 Pls check 'X'.*

Sub : Proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore – Publication of notice regarding the proposed visit of the Commission and its objects.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy each of the following letters :

1. Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70 (Volume II)/330 dated November 11.2003.
2. D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO/ Vol-X dated November 25, 2003 from Sm. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), MEA
3. D.O. letter no. JMCI/Taiwan/2003/2004/89/426 dated January 22, 2004 to Sm. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV).

In the backdrop of the facts and circumstances stated in the above-quoted three letters, I am directed to inform you that the Commission is making endeavours by contacting private agencies and individuals to make all necessary preparations for visit to Taiwan, keeping, of course, in view the guidelines of the MEA communicated by the MHA along with their letter no. I/12014/6/2001-IS(V) dt. 29.10.2002 (vide confidential d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 23.9.2002 from Sri Vijay Gokhale, the then Joint Secretary (CNV) MEA, addressed to Sri Akhil Jain, the then Joint Secretary (IS), MHA, and its annexure). This Commission intends to travel Taiwan via Singapore, one of the two approved routes for Government official travelling to Taiwan (annexure I to the d.o. letter of Sri Vijay Gokhale quoted above).

File with note on work of JMCI Team to Taiwan and receive back from JS (CNV) / FS / PM. Letter issued.

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The Commission felt that there should be wide publicity about the visit of the Commission and the objects of the inquiry in the countries the Commission proposed to visit well in advance of the visit of the Commission to those countries and with this object in view a notice was published in newspapers in Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand with the help of the MEA, Govt. of India. As regards Taiwan, the Commission is depending upon the information available in the files of the Khosla Commission and also upon private agencies and individuals. The Commission wrote to the Editors of five newspapers in Taiwan. Of these five newspapers, names and addresses of three were available in the file of the Khosla Commission while the remaining two were supplied by a private agency.

In response to the request of this Commission for publication of a notice in their newspapers, the Overseas Advertising Director of the China Post, an English daily, has communicated the advertisement rate and the mode of payment of the charges of advertisement. The Commission is making all efforts to get a notice published for one day only in this English daily. Steps will be taken for publication of the notice in some of the other newspapers in Taiwan after receiving their response. A copy of the notice to be published in The China Post and a copy of their reply received by e-mail are enclosed for your information.

A draft programme for visit to Taiwan and the other countries already mentioned above will be sent shortly for necessary approval and sanction. The Commission intends to undertake the tour from the end of March 2004 till the first or second week of April.

Yours faithfully,


Enclo : As stated (5)


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

NO. JMCI/ TAIWAN/2003-2004/89/450/1

February 20, 2004

Copy for information to Sm. Ruchi Ghanashyam. Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs. Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/ 330

November 11, 2003

By Regd. Post

Dear Sm. Ghanashyam,

Please refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol. IX dated 24.9.03.

As requested by you in the first sentence of para 2 of your above quoted d.o. letter, xerox copies of all relevant communications received by the Commission through E.mail from Sri Anuj Dhar and by post from the Mayor of Taipei on the point of the alleged plane crash at Taipei have already been sent to you by registered post with a/d vide Commission's letter no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/292 dated 17.10.03.

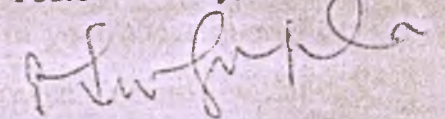
Now I am directed to invite your notice to the second sentence of para 2 of your above - quoted d.o. letter wherein the Commission has been requested to refer to the Ministry any information that may be required to obtain from Taiwan. But in the next sentence you have said, "We do not recognise 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan' and hence we do not have any official dealings with them".

The Commission, meanwhile, approached the Director, Taipei Economic and Culture Centre, New Delhi, for some information on certain points relating to the present state of some relevant places at Taipei. He was also requested to locate the witnesses examined by the Khosla Commission and furnish the Commission with their present whereabouts. The Director, in his reply, has curtly informed that they cannot render any help or assistance to the Commission.

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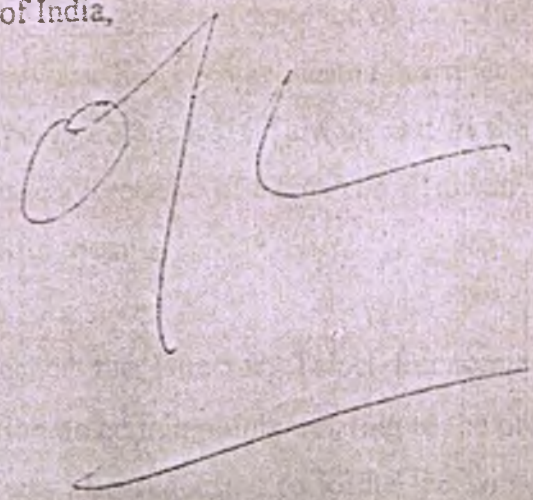
In the context of the last sentence of para 2 of your above-quoted letter and the reply received from the Director of the above-named Centre of Taipei in New Delhi New-Delhi, I have been directed by the Commission to say that in the interest of the on-going inquiry the Commission has no other alternative but to directly approach the authorities concerned in Taipei to procure relevant documents, getting information about some places relevant to the points of inquiry and collect the whereabouts of the relevant witnesses, if any, available there, keeping your Ministry informed from time to time of the development in this regard. I am further directed to request the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNY)
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

November 25, 2003

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated 17th October 2003, addressed to the 'Mayor of the Taipei City Government' with a copy endorsed to this Ministry- seeking documents for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We have already pointed out in our earlier letters to you that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'. Our letters No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 24th September 2003 and 24th October 2003 refers in this regard.

3. In the context of your aforementioned letter sent to the Taipei city Mayor, we would again like to reiterate our considered opinion that the JMCI should not send such communications directly to Taiwanese "Government" authorities. We are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by you in your letter to the Mayor of Taipei. We shall keep you informed of progress in this regard.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ruchi Ghanashyam
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D.O. No. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426

January 22, 2004

Dear Ms Ghanashyam,

Please refer to your d.o.letter no. 25/4/NGO/Volume X dated 25.11.03. Inviting your attention to the last sentence of para 3 of your above-quoted d.o. letter, I am directed to say that no further communication in the matter has been received from your end inspite of a reminder dated 8.1.04 (vide letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8.1.04).

It is not yet known to the Commission whether you have been able to get any assistance of any agency/organisation for obtaining the documents asked for by the Commission.

For its intended visit to Taiwan, the Commission needs your assistance not only for obtaining the requisite documents but also for contacting the witnesses it wants to examine at Taipei. The Commission also needs assistance for identifying the relevant places the Commission wants to visit for the purposes of the inquiry.

As the time is fast running out, the Commission is also seeking assistance of private individuals/agencies/organisations to supplement your endeavours in the matter. As was done by the Khosla Commission, the Commission is writing letters of request to the Editors of three news papers of Taiwan for publishing a notice about the proposed visit of the Commission and its objects. The names and addresses of the news papers have been obtained from a file of the Khosla Commission recently received from the Govt. of India. To be precise, the Commission is trying to follow the same procedure which was followed by the Khosla Commission for achieving the objects of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan.


I am directed to request you again to ensure that the Commission may have access to all relevant documents about the alleged plane crash and the resultant alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Taiwan. I am further directed to request you again to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission so that it may get,

without any further delay, information about some places relevant to the points of inquiry which have already been communicated to you and the present whereabouts of the relevant witnesses, if any, available at Taipei.

A list of witnesses the Commission wants to examine and the places it wants to visit in Taiwan is enclosed.

Expecting an early reply and with best wishes,

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As stated

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February 12, 2004

NOTICE

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters :-

- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available in Taiwan, particularly Taipei. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit Taiwan.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Commission direct at the postal address, Fax No. and e-mail address of the Commission given above.

By Order

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Feb. 18, 2003 7:05 pm

Attn: P.K. Sengupta, Secretary

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Thank you very much.

Please be informed of the following:

1. Our ad rates: US\$30 per col. inch (4.5 cm wide, 1 inch high) in inside page.
We will be glad to give you a special offer of "Buy 2 get 1 free" - for a total of 3 insertions
you only need to pay for 2 insertions.

Your ad approximately equals 3 col. x 7" (14.9 cm wide, 7 inches high) in our newspaper.
The cost is US\$661.5 per insetion totall US\$1323 for 3 insertions (2 ads + 1 free ad)

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US\$630 + 5% VAT (US\$630 x 0.05=US\$31.5)=US\$661.5
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Yuan Shan Branch (Swift No. HNBK TWTP 107)
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Looking forward to hearing from you soon.
Thanks and regards,

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi dated 17.2.04

To

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Kolkatta 700087.

Subject: Documents indicated in the letter dated 10/2/03 by Sunil
Krishna Gupta and four others reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542&295 dated 17/2/03 and subsequent reminder dated 11/4/03 and MEA's d.o.No.25/4/NGO Vol.IX dated 28/3/03 addressed to JMCI on the subject noted above and to say that although Khosla Commission was constituted by this Ministry but despite various efforts, no exhibits/proceedings/documents indicated in the enclosed list of Commission's letter dated 17/2/03 could be traced in the available 317 files of Khosla Commission.

As regards three letters, mentioned in para 3 of the MEA's letter referred to above, it is stated that file No.25/4/NGO-Vol-I as indicated by the MEA is not available in this Ministry. It is suggested that Sh. S.N. Singh, S.O attached to the JMCI may kindly be deputed to make last minute effort to trace out all these documents from the available records of Khosla Commission.

Moreover, in regard to availability of proceedings of Khosla Commission, the Commission has already been apprised of the factual position vide this Ministry's affidavit dated 27/2/01 which inter alia states "that records pertaining to Khosla Commission of Inquiry were made available to the Commission and no further records in respect of proceeding of Khosla Commission have become available."

This issues with the approval of JS(S).

Umesh Kalra
(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S)

Copy to: Ministry of External Affairs, Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director(CNV)
with reference to their d.o.referred to above

JS NV

From: "P M Meena" <pmmeena@hcilondon.net>
 To: <jscnv@mea.nic.in>
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 9:13 AM

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Please refer to the communication reg. JMCI. As informed you over telephone we had already taken up the matter with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to request them by a letter to expedite the information required by the Commission. FCO was reminded by me on 19.2.04. DHC also raised the issue with Director (FCO) during his meeting on 20.2.04. As and when the information is received the same would be communicated to you.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.M. Meena)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
 Director (CNV),
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 New Delhi.

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Director (CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI
February 24, 2004

Dear

(Sno. 23) (Sno. 9.)
This is further to my letters of even number dated December 12, December 29, 2003, January 12, 2004 and January 20, 2004 in response to your OM no. I/12014/3/2003-NCB dated December 3, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon, as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

2. Our Mission in Singapore received a telephonic response to the Notice from a local resident who conveyed that he had submitted his views and evidence to Justice G.D.Khosla in 1971. A copy of his evidence received by fax in the Mission is enclosed for further appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri U.K.Kalra,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Room no. 143-B, North Block,
New Delhi

Copy for information to :-

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087, alongwith a copy of the above-mentioned enclosure.

R. Ghanashyam
Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

February 24, 2004

Dear Ravi,

Please refer to endorsement of my D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 and your subsequent letter no. SIN/Pol/102/2/03 dated 22 January 2004, regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C.Pereira, a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) who happened to see the Netaji-related JMCI notice while in Ho Chi Minh City in December 2003. Mr. Pereira had indicated that the family of Gerald De Cruz (who is said to have acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945) might have some information of interest to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. I would appreciate if you could update us on the results of your enquiries made in the matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Ravi Bangar,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
Singapore



Ravi Bangar
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No.SIN/Pol/102/2/03

22 January 2004

Dear *Ruchi,*

In response to an advertisement placed in local newspaper regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission on Enquiry, we received a phone-call from one Mr. Jacob John in the first week of January. He conveyed that he had submitted his views and evidence to Mr. Justice G. D. Khosla in early 70's. We requested him to fax a copy of evidence presented by him. The same was received and is enclosed.

2. A close scrutiny of enclosure makes it clear that as an ex-Indian National Army his "evidence" is no more than a statement of faith and fails to shed any light on the developments being enquired into by the Commission. We have no record of Mission's File No.SIN/101/21/71 as mentioned in the enclosure.

3. On the subject, regarding endorsement of your D.O.No.25/4/NGO/Vol.x dated 12 January 2004, we will make discreet enquiries after the Chinese New Year Festivities are over.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

Reg. Parakz pls. try & trace this in our records & rpt.

SO(NGO)

Pls. check whether we have anything relative to 'X' in our files.

Spoken to Dir(CNV). 'X' is not available in our files.

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COPY21st October, 1971. (295)

Mr. Justice G.D.Khosla,
C/o. High Commission of India,
31, Grange Road,
SINGAPORE-2.

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter dated 13th October, 1971 Ref.No. SIN/101/21/71 from the Indian High Commission in Singapore, inviting me to attend an inquiry being conducted by you about Netaji. While thanking you for the invitation, I wish to state as follows:-

Even as early as 1946 during the late Pandit Nehru's visit to Singapore, we ex-INA Officers had handed to him all documents and materials we had relating to Netaji. If I remember right, those documents included the orders which Netaji had issued to the Officers immediately before his departure from Singapore following news of the surrender of Japan. I believe that these documents will prove of benefit to your Commission, provided you can retrieve them.

I had also met Panditji on several occasions in Singapore and in Bandung later, during the Bandung Conference, and told him about the need for honouring the great leader by establishing Universities, Hospitals and similar other institutions in his name. But we are sorry to note that nothing much has been done in this regard. On the contrary, many missions, official and unofficial, have been organised to investigate the so-called mystery surrounding Netaji's disappearance.

In our view, the only person who can say whether or not Netaji died in the plane crash is Colonel Habib-ur-Rahman. He has given his version on numerous occasions and understandably refused to comment any more. It is possible that Netaji did not die in the crash, and that to cover up his tracks, even Colonel Habib, who was himself injured, was led to believe that Netaji had died of injuries sustained in the crash.

The unsolved question is: If Netaji did not die in the crash, where then did he go and where is he now? This has remained a mystery. But we believe that Netaji is still alive but he chooses not to appear only because he is disappointed and disgusted with the turn of events in India. If Indians had stuck to Netaji's ideals and subscribed to his political philosophy, India would not have been dismembered and today's catastrophe in Bengal (East Pakistan) could have been averted and numerous other fissiparous developments avoided. Netaji believed (and he has been proved correct) that force must be met with force and arms with arms.

Before concluding, I cannot but express our admiration for Netaji's services and sacrifices. We are of the opinion that Netaji, more than any of his contemporaries dead or alive, has contributed most towards India's Independence, and India should acknowledge her gratitude to him by setting up suitable institutions to further propagate his ideals and aspirations. Naming a few streets or parks after him is a totally niggardly and ineffective way of paying tribute to the greatest son of India after Sivaji.

Repeated enquiries about his whereabouts through committees and commissions - instead of taking up the matter powerfully and seriously with the Governments concerned - is not edifying either to the great leader or to India's prestige itself. We ex-INA officers in this country are still proud of the part we have played under the dynamic leadership of Netaji and of the fact that it was his Movement that hastened not only the Freedom of India but also paved the way for the freedom of many other Asian countries.

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Mr. Justice G.D.Khosla,
C/o. High Commission of India,
Singapore-9.

ORAL EVIDENCE

Mr. Jacob described Netaji as a great and most dynamic leader who was above all communal and religious differences. He said Netaji looked upon India as one and indivisible and had often said that ten or twenty million Indian lives would not be too high a price for achieving a free and united India.

Mr. Jacob also told the Commission that the Allies Supreme Commander Lord Mountbatten had in a broadcast from his then Headquarters in Ceylon wanted Netaji to surrender together with the Japanese in Singapore. But Netaji refused to do so and preferred instead to go to Japan, saying he would meet the Allies in Tokyo. *Tedifying Ref. Para. Commission*

Cap. Dr. John Jacob Mr. Jacob also discounted the story of the air crash and Netaji's alleged death. Even Colonel Habib-ur-Rahman, Netaji's most trusted friend and colleague, had preferred not to say anything on the subject. This together with the fact that Colonel Habib was not present at Netaji's alleged funeral could indicate only one thing, namely, that Netaji had wanted him not to say anything. Under the circumstances, it was quite possible Netaji was not at all on the plane which was supposed to have crashed, and that the alleged cremation and ashes were all faked to cover up his escape. If Netaji could have escaped from the watchful eyes of the British in India, then it must be child's play for him to escape from others, said Mr. Jacob.

We shall be thankful to you if you could kindly convey to your Government our above thoughts and feelings on our great and revered Leader, Netaji, and our conviction that since we have no conclusive proof of his death, we regard that he is still alive.

Cap. Dr. John Jacob
Capt. Dr. John Jacob (INA)
M.B.A., M.T.H., D.D., Ph.D (USA),
M.I.S.M., Minet CM (London)
Singapore.

(ed.) John Jacob,
President,
Singapore Indian Congress,
Singapore.

(Ex-Officer,
Indian National Army).

Dear MR. Khosla,

Will send you more reports later, best
regards . J.J. "JAI HIND"

By Regd. Post with A/D.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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70(11)/446.

Kolkata, dated, 18th February '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Umesh Kalra,
Director(s),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Publication of a Notice of the Commission
in English and local language at Singapore,
Bangkok & Saigon.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. I/12014/
3/2003-NCB dated 11-2-2004 and telex number dated 19-1-2004
communicating, inter alia, two responses to the notice
published in from the Bangkok and Saigon (Vietnam)
respectively, received through Ministry of External Affairs
and to request you to kindly let the Commission know
about other responses, if any, received subsequently.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

By Regd. Post with A/D.

No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(11)/446(1) Dt. 18.02.04.
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External Affairs, Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Response
Awaited from
Singapore

Another response
has been received to be
issued to HAI,
Singapore.

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Sh. H.



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KUA/P/163/01//03

Ms. Yatimah Rimun,
Arkib Negara Malaysia,
Jalan Duta,
50568, Kuala Lumpur
Fax 6201 5679

Subject: Information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Dear Ms. Yatimah Rimun,

We would like to draw your kind attention to your letter No. ANM.27/1 Jld. 21(33) dated 30 August 2003 and our letter No. KUA/P/163/01/03 dated 12 December 2003 on the above subject.

You have stated in your above-cited letter that any information available on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose would be conveyed to the High Commission of India in future. We would be grateful if you could inform us of the latest position on the matter. Even if no information is available till date, please intimate us the same.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

SO (N 60)

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Copy to:

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi: Kindly note in response to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 12 November, 2003, we forwarded a letter to National Archives Malaysia (Arkib Negara Malaysia) on 12th December 2003. We have again forwarded a reminder now on receipt of your letter dated January 13, 2004.

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(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
 For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
 Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of
 India, Ministry of Home Affairs
 'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

D.O. No. JMCI/Taiwan/2003-2004/89/426

Dear Ms Ghanashyam,

Please refer to your d.o.letter no. 25/4/NGO/Volume X dated 25.11.03. Inviting your attention to the last sentence of para 3 of your above-quoted d.o. letter, I am directed to say that no further communication in the matter has been received from your end inspite of a reminder dated 8.1.04 (vide letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated 8.1.04).

It is not yet known to the Commission whether you have been able to get any assistance of any agency/organisation for obtaining the documents asked for by the Commission.

For its intended visit to Taiwan, the Commission needs your assistance not only for obtaining the requisite documents but also for contacting the witnesses it wants to examine at Taipei. The Commission also needs assistance for identifying the relevant places the Commission wants to visit for the purposes of the inquiry.

As the time is fast running out, the Commission is also seeking assistance of private individuals/agencies/organisations to supplement your endeavours in the matter. As was done by the Khosla Commission, the Commission is writing letters of request to the Editors of three news papers of Taiwan for publishing a notice about the proposed visit of the Commission and its objects. The names and addresses of the news papers have been obtained from a file of the Khosla Commission recently received from the Govt. of India. To be precise, the Commission is trying to follow the same procedure which was followed by the Khosla Commission for achieving the objects of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan.

I am directed to request you again to ensure that the Commission may have access to all relevant documents about the alleged plane crash and the resultant alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Taiwan. I am further directed to request you again to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission so that it may get,

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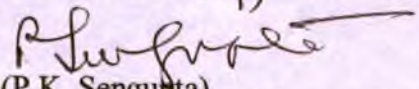
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without any further delay, information about some places relevant to the points of inquiry which have already been communicated to you and the present whereabouts of the relevant witnesses, if any, available at Taipei.

A list of witnesses the Commission wants to examine and the places it wants to visit in Taiwan is enclosed.

Expecting an early reply and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo: As stated

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110 001

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List of witnesses and places in Taipei.

1. Mr. Tao Yung, M.P., 333467
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Chairman, India Free China Friendship
Committee and Convener of the Foreign
Affairs Committee of Legislative Yuan
(Parliament).
2. Mr. Liu Tsung Han
Vice Chairman
Overseas Chinese Affairs
Commission of the Government
of Republic China. Was in Calcutta Consul-General.
3. Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa, M.P. Off. 519795
Res. 543926
From Manchuria
Manager,
Taiwan Fruits Production and Exportation
Joint Committee, Fourth Floor,
79 Section-2,
Chung Shan North Road,
(TAIPEI) TAIWAN. has visited India.
4. Mrs. C.C. Huang,
Wife of the Ex-Mayor of Taipei, who died recently
C/o Ambassador Hotel,
TAIPEI (TAIWAN)
5. Prof. Wu Chen Tsai,
Director of Information and Cultural Affairs of K.M.T.,
7-Lin Shin North Road,
TAIPEI (TAIWAN) Off. 323292
Res. 783074
6. Mackay Hospital,
Chung Shan North Road,
OPP. Ambassador Hostel,
TAIPEI (TAIWAN)
7. Air Port Accidents Record.
8. Taiwan Newspapers and their old files
TAIPEI (TAIWAN)
9. *Taiwan airport*

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No.Tai/Pol/1/2004

10 February 2004

Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Enquiries regarding

Dear Director,

Please refer to your D.O.No. 25/4/NGO/Vol X dated 25 November 2003.

The attention of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan has been drawn to the specific requests for original documents relating to the above subject matter, made by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the Mayor of the Taipei City Government vide letter No. JM/C/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated October 17, 2003. The authorities, having examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City Government and other agencies, have orally informed us of the following:

(1) The three original documents sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in connection with the ongoing inquiry, namely the Record of the Cremation Permits issued during the period 18 - 22 August 1945, the application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and / or Ichiro Okiro, and the original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and / or Ichiro Okiro, are **NOT** repeat **NOT** available with Taiwanese authorities.

(2) The Taiwanese authorities have provided us photo-copies of two documents:

(a) A Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China that is available with the "Ministry of National Defence", which contains a chronology of its major events. Page 531 of the said record contains the following sentence: "*Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport.*" (free translation from Chinese text). This is the sole reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in that military record. No other reference can be found in that record. A copy of the document given to us (relevant portion tick -marked and side-lined) is at Annexure I.

(b) A letter written by the Taipei City Government to the "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" dated 22 April 1966 (22 April in the 55th Year of the Republic of China) conveying the depositions of two employees at the

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crematorium on reports about the alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose is mentioned. A copy of the handwritten letter from the Taipei City Government along with a free translation in English is enclosed at Annexure II.

(3) Taiwanese authorities have informed us that they are not in the possession of other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei on or around 18 August 1945. Taiwanese authorities also say that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation at the time.

I also refer you to earlier messages sent by the Deputy Director General of this Association on 20 August 2002 and 9 September 2002 relating to inquiries made by this Association with local authorities on eye-witnesses and places connected to the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose. The information contained therein is also relevant to the matter, and you may wish to draw the attention of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the information contained therein, as appropriate.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)
Director General

Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Director,
Ministry of External Affairs

Copy: Director General, ITA Council, New Delhi

Perhaps, FS/EAM may be kept informed, apart from this information being shared with JMCI.

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Spoken. File under submission to FS/EAM. We may await its return.

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「日軍對華作戰紀要」叢書—四三

陸海軍年表

大事年表與軍語

國防部史政編譯局譯印
中華民國八十年五月

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一 美潛水艇砲擊北海道日高的樣似。B-29機於夜間轟炸川崎、長岡、水戶、八王子、五川等地。編成札幌與庫頁島的鐵路聯合義勇戰鬥隊。制訂「特設運輸本部令」與「特設運輸部令」(將相當於戰隊司令部部隊予以軍隊化)。大本營編成第三二航空戰隊(專任在夜間對機動部隊執行魚雷攻擊的第六三四、第七六二、第九三一航空隊)，並予編入第五航空艦隊。發生登陸大島的誤報事件。

二 南方軍向中央發出設立印尼獨立籌備委員會等電文。以川西航空株式會社作為「第二軍需工廠」，並於今日開始運作。

四 大本營下令將第四八師團從第二軍編入第一六軍(爪哇)。大本營下令將第一、第二潛航運輸隊編隸船舶運輸司令官。大本營下令將第二二師團從第二八軍調隸第一八方面軍；將第五五師團從第二八軍調隸第三八軍(泰國)。參謀總長對第一、第二總軍及第五、第一七方面軍下達遵照「決戰作戰集中計畫要綱」進行集中準備的指示。

五 華北方面軍參謀長會見閩錫山就實施政治性合作進行協商。約一〇〇名蘇聯部隊在「東滿」虎頭南方的子厘屯附近越境並實施射擊(六日撤退)。B-29機於深夜轟炸前橋、高崎、今治、宇都

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Ref. to death
of S.C. Bose

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集結於東京上野主張繼續戰爭（被勸導後於二〇日返回水戶）。

「滿洲國」溥儀皇帝在宮廷列車內宣布退位（一九日中午稍後在瀋陽機場被蘇軍逮捕送往蘇聯）。蘇軍以奇襲登陸占守島。占守島的部隊反擊來攻的蘇軍（給予蘇聯艦船重大損害。日軍於一六時停止戰鬥）。庫頁島的步兵第二五聯隊長在達坂村莊的神社內焚燬軍旗。奧德拉波斯在臺北機場因飛機事故受傷死亡。第一師團長片岡在宿務島北部的伊利亞亞登陸。大本營下令各軍及參謀總長停止所有武力的行使，而任務的解除時機另行示知。第三〇二海軍航空隊（厚木）的反對停戰事件已告終息。

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日軍中止北千島的戰鬥行動。大本營下令第一、第二總軍與航空總軍於八月二二日零時以後解除任務與停止行使武力。參謀總長指示第五方面軍作局部停戰談判與武器的移交等。大本營海軍部下令停戰與解除武裝。關東軍總參謀長兼中將會見蘇方，進行與蘇軍停戰的第一次談判（一七日向哈爾濱的蘇聯領事館提出停戰談判）。

二〇

蘇聯特別行動隊在航空與艦砲支援下登陸庫頁島的真岡。庫頁島的蘇軍步哨在荒賀附近射殺我軍使（一〇名）。閤院宮壽仁王太子在新加坡向南方軍轉達聖旨。參謀次長河邊虎四郎中將在馬尼拉與盟軍交涉停戰（二二日以後停止所有戰鬥行動）。第五方面軍司令官允許現地兵團作局部停戰談判與武器的移交等。

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附件：

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於左以供參攷：
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借其前往大華場，曾用提燈處（據陳員稱棺木甚厚內裝石灰，鮑斯屍係以白布包裹，但頭部露出眼、鼻、口受傷甚劇，日人本欲將鮑斯之棺運回日本因棺木太大飛機無法容納而予火葬）連即火葬，其曾伴鮑斯之侍從（聞有印人四名）更回日本。鮑斯之日本名字為「安東一郎」。

二、當時之火葬場雖似有林水水共冰生，觀者甚多，火葬場場長編制貴部資料上之台北大華場之長（HU TSUNG 然即為陳伏冰生）。

三、關於前台北市衛生院長高經（致電對 HARMING 表示係日人故意飛降飛機殺害鮑斯一節，經詢高院長聲稱彼係廿四年十一月一日就任衛生院長在八月十八日之時，官商尚未光復，對於當時情況亦未瞭解，亦未對印人記者發表談話。

三、函復 查照

四、副本抄送台北市政府安全室。

局長李悌元

台北市衛生局

高經

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Free Translation

Letter from Bureau of Health

Receiver: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date: April 22, 1966 (April 22 in 55th year of the Republic of Chinese)

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Lee Tie Yuan
Director

By Regd. Post with A/D.

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Kolkata, dated, 8th January '04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter bearing No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 25.11.2003, from which it transpires that you are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by us in our letter no. 289 dated 17.10.03 to the Mayor of Taipei.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send a progress report in the matter as also to make available to the Commission as early as possible all the documents, as mentioned in the said letter dated 17.10.03 addressed to the Mayor of Taipei.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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The file is under submission to JS(FA)/FS/EAM for seeking approval for the proposed course of action to seek the help/assistance of ITA.

Reply recd from
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ITA, Taipei
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No. Tai/Pol/1/2004

10 February 2004

Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Enquiries regarding

Dear Director,

Please refer to your D.O.No. 25/4/NGO/Vol X dated 25 November 2003.

The attention of the concerned "authorities" in Taiwan has been drawn to the specific requests for original documents relating to the above subject matter, made by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the Mayor of the Taipei City Government vide letter No. JM/C/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated October 17, 2003. The authorities, having examined these requests in consultation with the Taipei City Government and other agencies, have orally informed us of the following:

(1) The three original documents sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in connection with the ongoing inquiry, namely the Record of the Cremation Permits issued during the period 18 - 22 August 1945, the application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed by Dr. Taneyashi Yashimi or some other authority for alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose and / or Ichiro Okiro, and the original Death Certificate issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and / or Ichiro Okiro, are **NOT** repeat **NOT** available with Taiwanese authorities.

(2) The Taiwanese authorities have provided us photo-copies of two documents:

(a) A Chronological Record of Japanese Aggression in China that is available with the "Ministry of National Defence", which contains a chronology of its major events. Page 531 of the said record contains the following sentence: "*Chandra Bose died as a result of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at Taipei Airport.*" (free translation from Chinese text). This is the sole reference to Subhas Chandra Bose in that military record. No other reference can be found in that record. A copy of the document given to us (relevant portion tick -marked and side-lined) is at Annexure I.

(b) A letter written by the Taipei City Government to the "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" dated 22 April 1966 (22 April in the 55th Year of the Republic of China) conveying the depositions of two employees at the

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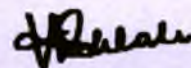
crematorium on reports about the alleged cremation of Subhas Chandra Bose is mentioned. A copy of the handwritten letter from the Taipei City Government along with a free translation in English is enclosed at Annexure II.

(3) Taiwanese authorities have informed us that they are not in the possession of other documentation relating to the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei on or around 18 August 1945. Taiwanese authorities also say that Taiwan was under Japanese occupation at the time.

I also refer you to earlier messages sent by the Deputy Director General of this Association on 20 August 2002 and 9 September 2002 relating to inquiries made by this Association with local authorities on eye-witnesses and places connected to the alleged disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose. The information contained therein is also relevant to the matter, and you may wish to draw the attention of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the information contained therein, as appropriate.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



(Vijay Gokhale)
Director General

**Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Director,
Ministry of External Affairs**

Copy: Director General, ITA Council, New Delhi

中華民國八十年五月
國防部史政編譯局印

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與 軍 話

陸海軍年表

「日軍對華作戰紀要」叢書一四三

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Ref. to death
of B.C. Bose

一八

葉居於東京上野主張繼續戰爭（被勸導後於二〇日返回水戶）。

「滿洲國」溥儀皇帝在宮廷列車內宣布退位（一九日中午稍後在瀋陽機場被蘇軍逮捕送往蘇聯）。蘇軍以奇襲登陸占守島。占守島的部隊反擊來攻的蘇軍（給予蘇聯艦船重大損害。日軍於一六時停止戰鬥）。庫頁島的步兵第二五聯隊長在達坂村莊的神社內焚燬軍旗。吳德拉波斯在臺北機場因飛機事故受傷死亡。第一師團長片岡在宿霧島北部的伊利亞哀署降香。大本營下令各軍及參謀總長停止所有武力的行使，而任務的解除時機另行示知。第三〇二海軍航空隊（厚木）的反對停戰事件已告終息。

一九

日軍中止北千島的戰鬥行動。大本營下令第一、第二總軍與航空總軍於八月二日零時以後解除任務與停止行使武力。參謀總長指示第五方面軍作局部停戰談判與武器的移交等。大本營海軍部下令停戰與解除武裝。關東軍總參謀長桑中將會見蘇方，進行與蘇軍停戰的第一次談判（一七日向哈爾濱的蘇聯領事館提出停戰談判）。

二〇

蘇聯特別行動隊在航空與艦隊支援下登陸庫頁島的偵岡。庫頁島的蘇軍步哨在荒貝附近射殺我軍使（一〇名）。閑院宮承仁王太夫在新加坡向南方軍轉達聖旨。參謀次長河邊虎四郎中將在馬尼拉與盟軍交涉停戰（一二日以後停止所有戰鬥行動）。第五方面軍司令官允許現地兵團作局部停戰談判與武器的移交等。

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2 February 2004

JMCI - Request for original documents in respect of the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose in Taipei

Dear

Ruchi,

I am writing in connection with your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol X dated 25 November 2003 regarding the above subject.

2. Local authorities are still enquiring into the availability of the documents which have been sought by JMCI. They have been reminded to expedite their response. We have been recently informed, following a telephone enquiry, that a response can be expected by mid-February.

3. Since we only have a monthly bag service (the next bag will be in early March 2004), I will inform you about the Taiwanese response over the fax. Please let me know if this is acceptable.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

(Vijay Gokhale)
Director General

**Smt. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi**

We should perhaps wait for the Bag.
JS(EA) may like to give his views.

Rg
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~~JS(EA)~~

'A' is right. DG, ITA will no doubt convey the response discreetly.

[Signature]

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~~Dir(CNV)~~

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NO. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (II)/ 433(7)

February 09, 2004

From : **Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, West Block -8, Wing-I, R K.Puram, New Delhi-110066.
 3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
 4. The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 5. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.01.2004 to 31.01.2004.

Ref : Your Office letter No.1/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

Pl. discuss.
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Sir,
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Dr (CNV).
Position reviewed.
Reminders issued.
Sh. H.
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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.01.2004 to 31.01.2004)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.12.2003 to 31.12.2003. forwarded earlier by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. A notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other parties concerned regarding the next hearing of the Commission on February 5, 2004 and, if need be, on February 6, 2004 as well in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata and summons have been issued to five witnesses for their examination/further examination during the hearing.
- ✓ 3. The photocopies of the three documents called for from the National Archives of the Government of the U.K. as indicated in para 3(c) of the Status Report as on 24.11.2003 (forenoon), have since been received. Those documents seem to indicate that an investigation was made under the orders of the Governor of Taiwan in 1956 into the alleged death of Subhas Chandra Bose, leader of the Indian National Army, in Formosa.
4. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/375 dated December 26, 2003 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a copy of the official paper bearing No. 5190, which

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is an extract from a note of discussion between Lord Wavell, the Secretary of State, and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27th August, as collected from the U.K. in course of the visit of the Commission to London, has been sent to the said Joint Secretary with the request to kindly let the Commission know as expeditiously as possible, the result of the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy as mentioned in the aforesaid document bearing No.5190. Their response is awaited.

5. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated November 12, 2003, the attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV) has been drawn to the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 13.10.2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and he has been requested to kindly let the Commission know immediately the present position of the other pending matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol(IX) dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry as also to send a complete list of all the archives of the Russian Federation. The reports called for are still awaited.

6. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/394 dated January 8, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, her attention has been drawn to her d.o. letter bearing No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 25.11.2003 and she has been requested to kindly send to the Commission a progress report in the matter of their exploring alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organizations for obtaining the requisite documents concerning the alleged air crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 and the alleged consequent death of Netaji and she has also been requested to make available to the Commission as early as possible all the relevant documents in the matter.

7. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew, reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to make them available to the

Letter to
JHC, London
sent on
15/1/04

Latest
Position
conveyed
to JMCI
on 16/2/04.

Letter sent
to ITA.
Response of
DG ITA received
today asking
for time till
March 2004.

being sent
Anything left?

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This relates to
NOTICE issued
in Newspapers
in S'Pore,
Bangkok,
Hanoi.
JMCI has been
updated & feedback received
from Mission conveyed to JMCI periodically
(last sent on 20/1/04)

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Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.

8. As far back as on September 05, 2003 the Commission along with its letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/245, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has sent a copy of the news-item captioned, "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of 'The Statesman' on Saturday, October 28, 1995 and has requested him to let the Commission know what has actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc. as reported in the said news-item and has also been requested to make available to the Commission the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent Member of the CBI and the DNA experts, viz., Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK as mentioned in the said news-item so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji done without any further avoidable delay. A copy of the said letter has also been endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Unfortunately, their response is still awaited.

Letter to MHA
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By Commission's letter No. JMCI/11/2000/295 dated 20.10.2003 addressed to the Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that the report of the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission under their No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.2003 does not state specifically as to whether the documents called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 are in existence or not. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 20.10.2003 of the Commission that if the said documents are in existence, the reason for which those have not yet been sent to the Commission in

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spite of repeated reminders may also be intimated to the Commission immediately.
The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs is still awaited.

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Reply received from
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the aforesaid directive bearing dated 14.08.1945. The documents called for are yet to be received

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15. From the copy of the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, endorsed to this Commission, it appears that all the three Notices sent by the Commission to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request for their publication in leading English and local languages newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok, and Saigon have since been complied with and that the Indian Mission in Singapore is being requested by the Ministry of External Affairs to make inquiries with regard to the feed back received from one Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, a Singapore National of Indian Origin, by the Embassy of India, Hanoi. Mr. Pereira has furnished some particulars of the son and daughter of Mr. Gerald De Cruz who might have some relevant information. Mr. Pereira is also being requested to send a copy of the book titled, "Kojaka Rebels" which was allegedly published by a Singaporean Publisher and to furnish the addresses of the said son and daughter of Mr. Cruz.

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NO action is pending now on our side.

Steps are being taken for publication of similar notice/news in leading newspapers in Taiwan about the proposed visit of the Commission to Taipei.

16. The Commission by its letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/188 dated August 05, 2003 has requested the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to send particulars of some suitable willing Indian scholars or students of Post-Graduate class in the U.S.A. indicating / suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the same archival research, free of remuneration for academic interest or for their love and respect of Netaji. Further development in the matter is still awaited.

17. The blood samples of Smt. Tripti Nag, daughter of one of Netaji's elder sisters and Shri Nirupam Som, one of Netaji's elder sisters' daughter's son, have recently been collected and made over to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata. Besides, the specimen teeth allegedly of one Gumnai Baba of Faizabad, and the blood samples of Shri Sadhan Kar, one of Netaji's elder sisters' daughter's son, Shri Subrata Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sarat Chandra Bose and Shri Dwarka Nath Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sunil Chandra Bose, had earlier been made over to the CFSL, Kolkata. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/371 dated December 22, 2003 the Director, CFSL, Kolkata have been requested for D.N.A. profiling tests to fix the identity of the person to whom the said teeth belonged. The report of the Director, CFSL, Kolkata, is awaited.

18. In reply to the d.o. letters No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/444 dated December 5, 2002 and No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/420 dated January 20, 2004 of the Secretary of the Commission, both addressed to the Director, Center for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagonistics, Hyderabad, seeking the latter's valued opinion on his study of the report of the Indian Embassy in Japan regarding the contents of the caskets kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, the Director has informed : "CDFD is not competent to provide help in anthropological evaluation and necessary photographing of the mortal remains (allegedly of Netaji).....once the same has been identified, we certainly

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would be in a position to provide the D.N.A. testing including the mitochondrial D.N.A. examination.....”

19. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(V)/376 dated December 26, 2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out inter alia that the documents mentioned in para 2(iii), 2(v), and 2(vi) of the Cabinet Secretariat's letter No.281/12/1/2000-PS dated November 13, 2003 could not be traced out in Ministry of Home Affairs' file Nos. I/12014/9/77-D.III, No.I/12014/6/90-IS (D.III), and No.31/2/74-Pol. D.III (2 Vols.) in spite of thorough search not only by the Officers of the Commission but also by one Officer of the Ministry of Home Affairs in course of his visit from New Delhi to the Commission's Office in Kolkata, though it has been stated in para 2 of the Ministry of Home Affairs' letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS (D.V) dated January 2, 2003 that those documents are available in the aforesaid files of the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the documents mentioned at para 2(ii) 2(iv) could not be made available to the Commission. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has, therefore, been requested in the said letter dated December 26, 2003 of the Commission to kindly take all possible steps to ensure early transmissions of all the aforesaid five documents mentioned at para 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), 2(v), and 2(vi) of the aforesaid letter of the Cabinet Secretariat. Further development in the matter is awaited.

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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January 05, 2004

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, West Block -8, Wing-I, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110066.
 3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
 4. The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 5. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 01.12.2003 to 31.12.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.12.2003 to 31.12.2003)

1. (a) This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.11.2003 to 30.11.2003. forwarded by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their ends.
- (b) Xerox copies of the proceedings dated 27.11.03 and of the Status Report as on 24.11.03 (forenoon) of the Commission have been sent by Registered Post to the authorities mentioned in para 1(a) above on 22.12.03 for favour of taking necessary action at their ends.
2. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings/(Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(V)/322 dated November 5, 2003 addressed to Shri Umesh Kalra, Director (IS) , Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in response to the factual position regarding para 5 as indicated in Kalra's letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V (NCB)/Vol.V dated 31.10.03, it has been pointed out that the 317 files of Khosla Commission mentioned therein do not contain either the original or authenticated true copies of the documents produced before the Khosla Commission and marked as exhibits or the proceedings of the said Commission and that the bound volumes of unsigned and uncertified copies of the depositions of the witnesses before the said Commission (as received by us) appear to contain only some parts of its proceedings. The documents called for by the Commission by its letters dated 17.02.03 and 11.04.03 as referred to in the said para 5 are yet to be received.

3. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/295 dated 20.10.03 addressed to Shri Umesh Kalra, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that the Status Note of the Ministry forwarded under their letter No. I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 19/24.09.03 relating to para 6 and para 5 of the Status Report of May, 2003 and June, 2003 appears to have not stated specifically as to whether the documents called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated 17.02.2003 are in existence or not. It has also been stated therein that if the said documents are in existence, the reason for which those have not yet been sent to the Commission in spite of repeated reminders may please be intimated to the Commission immediately. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is still awaited
4. Following a query raised by the Commission, the National Archives of the Government of the U.K. had given the Commission to understand that there were certain documents with them which might be of interest to it (the Commission) . Accordingly, steps were taken to obtain photo-copies of three of those documents which relate to the relevant period. The photocopies called for have since been received by the Commission and are being scrutinized.
5. Present whereabouts of all the relevant witnesses examined earlier outside India as also of those mentioned anew reportedly living abroad, are yet to be collected by/furnished to the Commission and the reports regarding availability/non-availability of the relevant documents are yet to be obtained/collected from most of the foreign countries concerned by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to make them available to the Commission on receipt of which the Commission might be required to draw up programmes for its visit to the relevant foreign countries for examination of witnesses and documents available there as also for inspection of important relevant sites in those countries.

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7. The blood samples of Smt. Tripti Nag, daughter of one of Netaji's elder sisters and Shri Nirupam Som, one of Netaji's elder sisters' daughter's son, have recently been collected and made over to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata. Besides, the specimen teeth allegedly of one Gunnamu Baba of Faizabad, and the blood samples of Shri Sadhan Kar, one of Netaji's elder sisters' daughter's son, Shri Subrata Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sarat Chandra Bose and Shri Dwarka Nath Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sunil Chandra Bose, have earlier been made over to the CFSL, Kolkata. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/371 dated December 22, 2003 the Director, CFSL, Kolkata have been requested for D.N.A. profiling tests to fix the identity of the person to whom the said teeth belonged.
8. In his d.o. letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/330 dated November 11, 2003 addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the Secretary of the Commission has detailed all the

circumstances which have compelled the Commission to directly approach the authorities concerned in Taiwan notwithstanding the request made in the d.o. letter dated 24.09.03 of the said Director (CNV), "that any information required to be obtained from Taiwan may be referred to the Ministry" i.e. Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. In the said d.o.letter dated 11.11.03 the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has, however, been requested to extend all possible help and assistance to the Commission in the matter. However, the Director (CNV) in her d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated November 25, 2003 has again stated : "JMCI should not send such communications directly to Taiwanese "Government" authorities. We are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies / organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by you in your letter to the Mayor of Taipei. We shall keep you informed of progress in this regard". In pursuance of the letter dated November 25, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, the Commission has stopped communicating directly with the Government of Taiwan and the Mayor of Taipei with hope that the Ministry of External Affairs would do the needful to enable the Commission to obtain the relevant documents and information from Taiwan, but till now nothing further has been heard from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Since then, a letter dated December 4, 2003 has been received on 23.12.2003 from the Chief of Protocol Office, Taipei City Government, addressed to the Commission (which is in reply to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/289 dated October 17, 2003 addressed to the Hon'ble Mayor, Taipei City Government) which states, inter alia, : "I regret to inform you that the Cremation Permits issued before 1968 by the Taipei City Government Department of Health were unfortunately destroyed."

9. In view of the correspondence amongst the Ministry of External Affairs , Government of India, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, and this Commission regarding the original register of Cremation Permit and the original Death Certificate pertaining to Subhas Chandra Bose or Chandra Bose and Ichiro Okura (vide d.o.letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated September 23, 2003 of

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the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the letter dated September 10, 2003 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, and the Commission's letter No.432 dated 27.11.2002), the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested in Commission's letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/338 dated 24.11.2003 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan all the documents asked for in the penultimate para of the Commission's aforesaid letter No.432 dated 27.11.2002 so that the Commission may have access to those relevant documents as quickly as possible.

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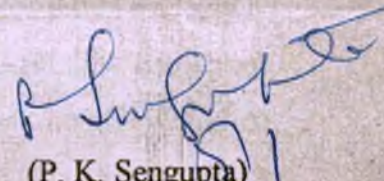
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(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

February 19, 2004

Dear Venkat,

Following a request received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), Ministry had, last year, requested the **US Embassy in New Delhi** to facilitate access for the Commission to records that were said to be available with the Embassy and Consulates in India. The US Embassy in response (copy enclosed) stated that neither the Embassy nor the Consulates in India had any documents relevant to Netaji or for that period. While clarifying that official records (older than 2 years) are retired as a matter of policy and forwarded to the National Archives for disposition and storage, the US Embassy suggested that the Commission could select an Indian scholar or graduate student working in the United States to perform such research. The inputs received from the US Embassy were forwarded to the JMCI.

2. The JMCI has sought assistance in locating some suitable and willing Indian Scholars or students of Post Graduate level, preferably of Law/History/ Political Science/ Economics etc., for the purpose of archival research relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at various American repositories of historical documents. The Commission has requested that the particulars of such Indian Scholars be furnished to it, alongwith the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them (unless they agree to do the research job free of remunerations, for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji).

3. We would be grateful if Mission could assist in the matter. Would appreciate an early response.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri V.V.Rao,
First Secretary
Embassy of India
Washington

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Mr. Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary
US-Canada Division
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi

Ref: Your 1915/JS (USC) 03

Dear Jayant:

I write in reply to your letter of June 17, 2003 in which you refer to the obligation on the Government of India to provide certain information to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. You note that an inquiry by the Indian Embassy in Washington elicited a statement from the National Archives and Records Administration that the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and our Consulates in India would be in possession of records bearing on the Commission's deliberations.

However, notwithstanding the belief expressed by an official of the Archives, there are no documents relevant to the period or to the disappearance of Mr. Bose in storage at either the Embassy or the Consulates in India. The policy of the Department of State is to retire almost all official records (other than on administrative matters germane to property transactions etc.) on a regular basis with the objective of not maintaining records for a longer period than approximately two years. These records are forwarded to the National Archives for disposition and storage.

With reference to archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Mr. Bose, as identified in the letter which you have attached to your own communication, I would suggest that, as a practical matter, the Commission select an Indian scholar or graduate student working in the United States to perform such research. Such an approach might benefit

both the Commission and the scholar or graduate student while keeping expenses to a minimum.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Albert Thibault
Deputy Chief of Mission

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70
(Vol.II)/188.

Kolkata, dated, 5th August '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS, (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the suggestion given in the third para of the letter dated 23.06.03 of Dy. Chief of Mission, Embassy of the U.S.A. enclosed to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(I) dated 15.07.03 and to request you to kindly send particulars of some suitable willing Indian Scholars or students of post graduate class preferably of Law/ History/Political Science/Economics etc. indicating/suggesting the rate of remuneration, if any, acceptable to them unless they would agree to do the job of archival research at various American repositories of historical documents relevant to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose free of remunerations, for academic interest or for their love and respect for Netaji.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

February 20, 2004

Dear *Venkat,*

This is with reference to my letter of October 22, 2003 regarding the request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) for obtaining the authenticated copies of (i) the Proclamation and (ii) the Instrument of Surrender, which are shown as 'Enclosures' to the original copy of the 14 August 1945 document titled: "**DIRECTIVE TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS**".

2. We will be grateful if action to obtain the requisite documents is expedited.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

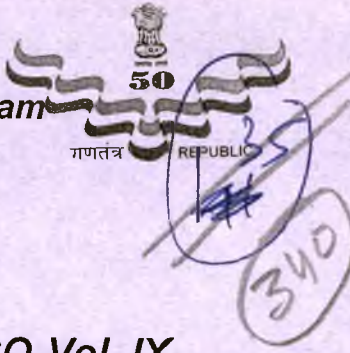
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Embassy of India
Washington

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director [CNV]



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NEW DELHI

By Registered Post

D. O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX

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Yours sincerely,

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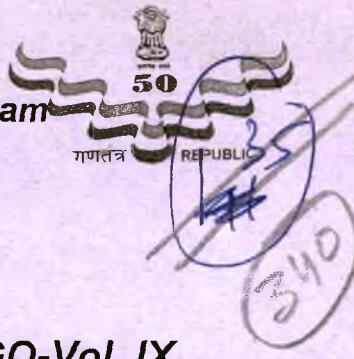
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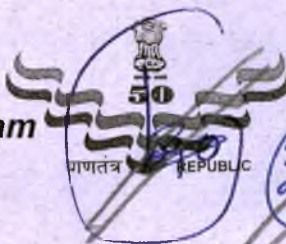
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Shri P. K. Sengupta



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भारत का उच्चायोग
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

Dated 03rd February, 2004.

Ms. Yatimah Rimun,
Arkib Negara Malaysia,
Jalan Duta,
50568, Kuala Lumpur
Fax 6201 5679

Subject: Information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Dear Ms. Yatimah Rimun,

We would like to draw your kind attention to your letter No. ANM.27/1 Jld. 21(33) dated 30 August 2003 and our letter No. KUA/P/163/01/03 dated 12 December 2003 on the above subject.

You have stated in your above-cited letter that any information available on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose would be conveyed to the High Commission of India in future. We would be grateful if you could inform us of the latest position on the matter. Even if no information is available till date, please intimate us the same.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam

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First Secretary (PIE)

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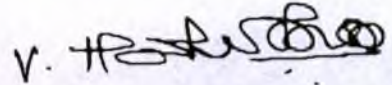
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Copy to:

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi: Kindly note in response to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 12 November, 2003, we forwarded a letter to National Archives Malaysia (Arkib Negara Malaysia) on 12th December 2003. We have again forwarded a reminder now on receipt of your letter dated January 13, 2004.



(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

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Government of India
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North Block, New Delhi.

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Dated 11-2-2004.

To

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B'Block (Third Floor),
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata-700087.

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Subject: Publication of a Notice of the Commission in English and
local Language at Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of
Ministry of External Affairs d.o.No.25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 20/1/04
along with the response from Bangkok resident, for appropriate
action.



(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Copy to:

Ministry of External Affairs, Ms. Ruchi Ghanshyam,
Director(CNV), New Delhi.

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No. JMCI/overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/
70(Vol.II)/390.

Kolkata, dated, 7th January '04.

From : Shri M. Roy IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri M.S. Zuha
Desk Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi - 110001.

SO (CNV)

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Sh. H.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Home Affairs', Office Memorandum bearing No.1/12014/3/2003-NCB dated 3.12.03 sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with a copy to the Commission requesting the M.E. A. to intimate the Commission under intimation to the M.H.A, the action taken by the Indian Embassies concerned in connection with their publication of the Notices of the Commission in English and local languages in Singapore and Bangkok and to request you to kindly pursue with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India for publication of similar notices in Vietnam as well.

This has already been done. 16/2

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Copy forwarded to the Director (CNV), M.E.A. Govt. of India for information and favour of taking necessary action as expeditiously as possible.

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(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Sh. H.



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XI

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

February 16, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

This is further to my letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 and your letters no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/621 dated April 1, 2003, no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/301 dated October 29, 2003, no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(v)/331 dated November 12, 2003 and no. JMCI/Doc (For)/99-2000/56(v)/374 dated December 26, 2003, regarding information sought from Russia in connection with JMCI's inquiry proceedings.

2. Our Embassy in Moscow, which is following up the matter, has informed that reminders have been sent to all the listed witnesses. As requested by the JMCI, Dr. Rybakov who has been the only one to respond to the Mission's communications so far, has been asked to convey his willingness and convenience for appearing as a witness.

3. Regarding the possibility of obtaining material related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji, the Mission has drawn attention to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Note Verbale no. 1907/3DA, dated 20.3.2003. Para 5 of this note, [which was forwarded to you vide this Ministry's letter no.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 22, 2003], states that **no material on the fate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was found in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB (KGB is now known as FSB in the Russian Federation).**

4. Our Embassy in Moscow is ascertaining the whereabouts of Mr. Pechenko from the Indian Consulate in St. Petersburg. The Embassy is also continuing its efforts to locate Mr. V.N.Plastun, Mr. A.A.Kolesnikov and Mr. E.M.Morosov, while a reminder is being sent to Mr. Komorov. It has also been conveyed by the Mission that Academician Bondarovsky- one of the listed witnesses, expired last year.

5. We shall apprise you of further progress in the matter on receipt of inputs from our Mission.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rgnanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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29 January 2004

Dear Shi Mukherjee,

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This has reference to Director(CNV)'s letters No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 12 November 2003 and No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 12 January 2004 in connection with Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. We have so far not received any replies from the witnesses who were sent written communications on 9 June 2003. We have once again sent reminders to all the witnesses. As requested by the Commission, Dr. Rybakov has been asked to convey his willingness and convenience for appearance as a witness.

2. Regarding availability of material related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the KGB archives, a note verbale No. 1907/3DA dated 20 March 2003 received from the Russian MFA refers. This note verbale was forwarded to your Division vide letter no. MOS/POL/125/01/90 on 21 March 2003. In the 5th paragraph, it is stated that no material on the fate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was found in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB. (KGB is now known as FSB in the Russian Federation.)

3. Since we have received no response from Mr. Komorov, a reminder has been sent to him.

4. The whereabouts of Mr. Pechenko is being ascertained through our CGI, St. Petersburg.

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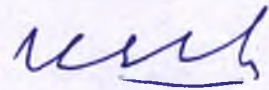
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6. One of the witnesses, Academician Bondarovsky expired last year.

regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Rahul Shrivastava)

Shri Sandip Mitra
Under Secretary (NGO)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director [CNV].

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. 25/4/NGO-VLXI

February 4, 2004.

Dear Shri Kalra,

Sm. 28, 7.

Please refer to your U. O. Note No. I-12014/13/2000-IS [D.III]/NCB [Vol. V] dated 30.12.2003 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The records in this Ministry for the period 1951-52 were checked and it is noticed that the original letter no. 758/51-S dated 17.01.1952 from Shri A. M. Sahay is not available on file. It appears that the document was transferred to MHA. You may wish to check once again at your end and inform the Commission accordingly.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

[Ruchi Ghanashyam]

Shri U. K. Kalra,
Director [S],
Security Division,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
NEW DELHI.

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No. 12014/13/2000-NCB(Vol.V)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Security Divn

Subject: Commission's letter No. JMCI/11/2000/295 dated
20.10.03.

Please find enclosed a copy of letter No. JMCI/11/2000/333
dated 18.11.2003 and its enclosures received from Justice
Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Kolkatta regarding subject
cited above.

As the letter dated 17.1.52 referred therein was addressed to
Sh.Dutt,I.C.S the then Secy, Ministry of External Affairs., it is
requested that a suitable reply indicating its authenticity may be
communicated to the J.M.C.I under intimation to this Ministry.
In case, the document quoted is authentic, authenticated copies
thereof be also send to the Commission and this Ministry.


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S)

✓ Director (CNV)(Ruchi Ghanashyam)Ministry of External
Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110001..
MHA U.O. No. I-12014/13/2000-IS(D.III)/NCB(Vol.V) dated
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NO. JMCI/11/2000/333.

Kolkata, dated, 18th Nov.'03

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Umesh Kalra,
Director,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Re : Commission's letter no. JMCI/11/2000/295
dated 20.10.03.

Sir,

I am directed to draw your attention to the Commission's letter under reference and to request you to kindly send the original letter dated 17.1.1952 of Shri A.M. Sahay and the enclosure thereto addressed to Shri S.Dutt ICS, the then Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, or authenticated copies of the said letter and its annexure to the Commission as soon as possible. I am, further directed to say that in the event of your failure to send the said original letter and its enclosure or their authenticated copies, the Commission may treat the copy of the letter and its enclosure, filed by the deponents and annexed herewith, as bonafide true copies of the originals.

Enclosures: As stated above,

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/11/2000/333(1) dated 18.11.03.

Copy to : The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and favour of taking necessary action.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclosure

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17 January, 1952

D. O. No. 13-Com/52

My dear Shri Dutt

Please refer to your letter No. 758/51-S, dated the 1st November 1951, and reminder of Miss Leelamani Naidu, No 25/4/NGO*, dated the 21st December 1951, about the late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in sending the promised statement. I herewith enclosed it. I hope this will be of some use.

There is one thing extraordinary in the whole show which needs some explanation from the Japanese. So far as my information goes, Netaji was removed to a hospital after the accident and he died there. How is it that the crash took place on the 18th and the announcement regarding his death was made on the previous day? Perhaps Safrani who is working under you as an Under Secretary may be able to say when Netaji left Saigon for Tokyo. However, my statement is the only thing that I could say definitely from my memory.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

(A M Sahay)

Shri S Dutt, ICS
Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

*(Footnote: NGO: An abbreviation for "Not to Go to Office" since the Raj days. All the Top Secret External Affairs Ministry papers till date are marked for NGO)



Towards the end of 1944, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose visited Tokyo in order to make arrangements for future move of the INA. I proceeded to China to supervise the work of the league (footnote) there and to settle some dispute between the Japanese military authorities and the Indian Independence League in Shanghai. After finishing my work in China, I was to proceed to Tokyo to arrange for the printing of our own currency.

While I was visiting Shanghai in January 1945, Netaji passed that way on his way back from Tokyo. He stayed there for a couple of days. He informed me that the Japanese would no more be able to lend much support to our fight in the future. Japan was being attacked by American Air Force regularly, inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese, making it impossible for them to send their air support to our army in Burma or Manipur.

Netaji said that he could see the end of the war in course of months and he wanted me to try to persuade the Japanese to allow us to establish direct contact with the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo. I was in Tokyo in the beginning of February 1945. I met General Tojo (Footnote) and the Chief of the General Staff and discussed the matter at length. I told them that if we could deal with the Soviet directly, we might be able to help in improving the Russo-Japanese relation that was necessary to strengthen Japan's position. The Japanese, however, were adamant and did not agree.

I returned to Bangkok early in May 1945, via Formosa, where I was detained for a month due to American air activities around the place. On my arrival, I was informed that our Headquarters in Rangoon was vacated and Netaji was on his way to Bangkok with whole staff. He arrived after few days. I informed him that the Japanese did not agree to my proposals regarding meeting the Soviet Ambassador. He said it was necessary to establish contact with the Soviets, if possible. He knew that I had acquainted with a couple of Chinese communists leaders and asked me if I could find some way to contact them. I suggested that the only way was to try through Chungking (Footnote), where, I was certain, there were some Chinese communists working. I suggested that I should move to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, which was near the border of China. Once in Hanoi, I considered it possible to send someone to Chungking to contact some Chinese communist agents through whom we could approach their headquarters in the north.

The plan was to proceed to Manchuria and be there when the end of war comes,

so that we may be within Soviet sphere after the surrender of the Japanese. That the Soviet will not remain an ally of England after the war was foreseen and we felt we could receive support and cooperation of the Soviets in our future efforts.

Netaji, agreeing to my proposal, issued orders that Major General Chatterjee and myself proceed to Vietnam to re-organise the Indian Independence League and publicity there. I was asked to take charge of the north part of the Vietnam, above 16° parallel, and Chatterjee was given the Southern part with Saigon as his headquarters. I reached Saigon towards the end of July, 1945, and within a week established contact with Dr Ho Chi Min and through his agency I sent two of my trusted men to Chungking.

War came to an end on 15th August. A special messenger from Netaji came to see me on 16th from Bangkok with a letter from him asking me to get ready to secure transport from the Japanese and to leave for Manchuria, and to meet him there. He suggested that although Soviet had declared war against the Japanese, it would be desirable to be arrested by the Soviet authorities in Manchuria because we could later negotiate with them and might persuade them to accept us as their friends and not enemies. This was the last time I heard from Netaji.

On 18th August 1945, at about 5 pm major General Chatterjee, Col Gulzar Singh, Col Pritam Singh, Mr Thiwy and Mr Abid Hassan arrived from Saigon and gave me the message that Netaji had left for the north. (Towards Manchuria) Being aware of the plan, I was already negotiating with the Japanese to take me to Tokyo. I thought of proceeding to Manchuria from Tokyo on my own. While the newcomers were sitting in my living room, radio announced of the air crash in Taihoku (Formosa) and of the death of Netaji.





Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

January 30, 2004

Dear *Vijay*,

This is further to my letter of January 16, 2004 regarding assistance sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to obtain documents from **Taiwan** for the purpose of its inquiry.

2. In one of its recent letters, the JMCI has conveyed that during its last visit to Japan, it had examined one Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi as a witness. Dr. Yoshimi was the applicant who is said to have applied to the **Taiwan Military authority** for the cremation permit for the deceased Subhas Chandra Bose. As the Commission presumed that the original document on the cremation would still be in existence, it requested MEA to take up the matter with the **Government of Japan** and persuade it to get from the **Government of Taiwan** the original **Register of Cremation Permits** for the period from 18.8.1945 to 21.8.1945 and the **Original Application for Cremation Permit** filed on 18.8.45 in the name of Chandra Bose.

3. Our Mission in Tokyo was requested to do the needful in this regard. After repeated reminders and follow-up by our Mission in Tokyo, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs finally conveyed in September 2003 that they have not been able to trace the documents sought by the JMCI. The JMCI has now once again requested this Ministry to persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan all the documents asked for.

5. We would be grateful to have your views on the possibilities of locating the aforementioned documents and other related information from Taiwan.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
R. Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director General
India-Taipei Association
Taipei

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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/338.

Kolkata, dated, 24.11.03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

(Enclosure)
I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated 27.11.2002 and the reply thereto in the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated September 23, 2003 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith she has forwarded a copy of the letter dated September 10, 2003 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan which states inter alia : " We have tried our best to find out in our old files a copy of the document (relating "Cremation Permit") required by Justice Mukherjee. However, we are not able to find it so far".

I am directed to request again that the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, may kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan all the documents asked for in the penultimate para of the Commission's said letter dated 27.11.02 (copy enclosed), keeping in view the facts and circumstances stated in that letter of the Commission as also the contents of paras 2 & 3 of the above-mentioned letter dated 10.09.03 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, so that the Commission may have access to those relevant documents as quickly as possible.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432

November 27, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Sub: Alleged Cremation Permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I am directed to say that till now the Commission has not come across any authentic contemporary death certificate or cremation certificate or cremation permit issued by any competent authority in respect of the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.45. What the Commission has received from your end till date is a copy of a letter dated 24.7.56 of Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section, Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Govt. of Japan, addressed to Mr. A.K.Dar, the then First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo and its enclosure which is a certified copy dt. 14.7.56 of an extract from the original document on cremation permit in the name of one Ichiro Okura described in this certificate as a "Non-regular staff member of Army Forces". In his aforesaid letter dt. 24.7.56, Mr. Hisaji Hattori stated "it is believed that this cremation permit of Ichiro Okura must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". According to him, the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time and it was believed that the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura "must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". The name of the applicant for the cremation permit has been shown in the certified copy as Taneyoshi Yoshimi. In his aforesaid letter dated 24.7.56 Mr. Hisaji Hattori further stated that the applicant for the cremation permit was Taneyoshi Yoshimi (A copy of this letter with a copy of its enclosure is enclosed).

During its recent visit to Japan, the Commission examined Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi on oath as a witness and his deposition was recorded. He stated before the Commission that he applied to the Taiwan Military authority for cremation permit for the deceased Chandra Bose and attached with the application the death certificate issued by him in the name of Chandra Bose. He categorically stated that he signed the death certificate of the deceased Chandra Bose and that he had no occasion to apply for a cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura. He went to the extent of stating that he

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did not even know Ichiro Okura. I am directed to say that, in view of these clear statements of Taneyoshi Yoshimi, the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura cannot, by any stretch of imagination, relate to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. According to Dr. Yoshimi, Chandra Bose, as Subhas Chandra Bose was known to the Japanese, was brought to the hospital on 18.8.1945 and he died in the same night, but in the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura the date of death has been shown as 19.8.1945.

I am further directed to say that sifting and examining other materials already in the possession of the Commission, the Commission has come across some materials which make the Commission loath to accept the aforesaid claim of Mr. Hattori.

While going through the files and records of British Library, London, the Commission came across a copy of a telegram from the United Kingdom Commission, Japan, sent to the Security Services on 29.7.46. Enclosing a copy of the telegram, I am directed to invite your notice to para 1 and para 2(b) of the telegram. In para 1 it was clearly stated that the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose took place sometime between 1900 and 2000 hours (local time) on August 18, 1945, while in the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura the date of death, as already mentioned, has been shown as August 19, 1945.

Again, from the para 2 (b) it appears that one Second Lieutenant Mr. Tsuruta, M.O. attended to Subhas Chandra Bose and was with him from the time he was brought into hospital until his death about 4 hours later and that Dr. Tsuruta issued death certificate in the same evening and saw the body put in the coffin. There is no mention of Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi in this telegram.

From the aforesaid materials before the Commission, it seems that one death certificate in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose was issued on 18.8.1945. From the certified copy of extract from the original document on cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura it appears further that the certified copy of extract of the original document was issued on July 14, 1956. It, therefore, follows that the original document on cremation was in existence on July 14, 1956 i.e., long after the end of the 2nd World War. If that be so, it can perhaps be presumed that the document is still in existence. If the original document and cremation permit along with the original application for cremation permit filed on 18.8.45 and the death certificate issued on 18.8.45 are made available for inspection of the Commission, it is hoped that those documents would show actually who was the deceased in respect of whom death certificate was issued by Dr. Tsuruta or Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi, application for cremation permit was filed and cremation permit was issued. There cannot be any gainsaying that these documents are the best evidence on the issue of the alleged death of Netaji as a result of an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.45.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with the Government of Japan and impress upon them the importance of the aforesaid documents for the purpose of solving for all time to come the mystery shrouding the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Government of Japan may be persuaded to get from the Government of Taiwan the original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.8. 1945 to 21.8.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.8.45 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose,

original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.8.45 or 19.8.45 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura so that the Commission may have access to these documents.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Encl: Three sheets

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary

JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 /1(1)

November 27, 2002

Copy alongwith a copy each of the enclosures is forwarded to Sri L.C.Goyale, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001, for information and necessary action.

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(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

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September 23, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to your letter no. JMCI/CPDC/ 2002/432, dated November 27, 2002 requesting for obtaining original documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, from the Government of Japan. We have received a response in this regard from our Mission in Tokyo.

2. After repeated reminders and follow-up by our Mission in Tokyo, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has responded in the matter through a written communication, conveying that they have not been able to trace the document (Cremation Permit) sought by the JMCI. A copy of the communication received from the Government of Japan in this connection is enclosed for the information of the Commission.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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No.TOK/102/02/03

September 11, 2003

Dear Vijay,

This refers to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated January 1, 2003 enclosing a letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry. The letter from the Hon'ble Commission had directed the Embassy to get in touch with the Government of Japan and request for documents in original relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. After repeated reminders for many months we have finally obtained a communication in writing from the Southwest Asia Division of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying that they could not trace the document (Cremation Permit) sought by the Hon'ble Commission. A copy of the letter received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan is placed below for onward transmission to the Hon'ble Commission.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
Encl: As above.

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Reply forwarded

to JMCI on 23/9.

Copy forwarded to Shri Ashok K. Kantha, JS(EA), MEA, New Delhi.

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10th September 2003

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Mr. Ramesh Chander
Counsellor (Pol&Cons)
Embassy of India, Tokyo

Dear Mr. Chander,

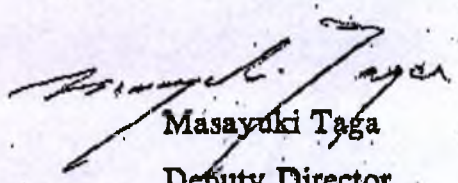
With reference to your letter dated 31 July 2003, I would like to inform you present state as follows.

We have tried our best to find out in our old files a copy of the document (relating "Cremation Permit") required by Justice Mukherjee. However, we are not able to find it so far. You may understand how difficult it is to find out nearly half a century old documents.

If Justice Mukherjee has further specific enquiry, please let us know. We will try our best to cooperate for his effort.

Please convey my best regards to Justice Mukerjee.

Sincerely yours,



Masayuki Taga

Deputy Director

Southwest Asia Division

Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission

No.TOK/102/02/03

Dear

This refers to Foreign Secretary's letter No.10565/FS/01 dated September 11, 2001 regarding the request to make available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry all records and documents both open and classified relating to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan has in response to the request of the Hon'ble Commission forwarded three documents. These documents along with their translations marked Sl. No.1, 2 and 3 in the top right-hand corner of the Japanese text and its English translation, the covering Note Verbale received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and a translation thereof are forwarded for onward transmission to the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Encls: As above.

Copy forwarded with enclosures to Shri Ashok K. Kantha, JS (EA), MEA,
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(Biren Nanda)

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TOKYO, JAPAN

Translation

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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of India and, with reference to the latter's Note No. 312/2003 dated August 20, 2003, regarding the inquiry of Subash Chandra Bose, has the honor to provide following documents for the latter's reference:

1. A copy of a Note Verbale delivered from the Government of Japan to the General Headquarters for the Allied Powers in September 1945.
2. A copy of a internal document (both Japanese and English) prepared by the Japanese Government, on the occasion of Shah Nawaz Khan's visit to Japan, in 1956.
3. A copy of a internal document on records of an interview with Doctor Tsuruta in December 1955.

Tokyo, January 8, 2004.



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外務省は、在本邦インド大使館に敬意を表するとともに、スバス・チャンドラ・ボース氏の死因等に関する調査に関する2003年8月20日付口上書第132/2003号に関し、下記の関連文書を同大使館に提供する光栄を有する。

記

1. 1945年9月に日本政府から連合軍司令部に発出された口上書の写し(公開文書)
2. 1956年のシャー・ナワーズ・カーン氏を団長とする調査委員会による調査に際し、外務省が関係者より調査を行った結果をとりまとめた政府内部資料(日本語及び英語)の写し
3. 1955年12月、外務省関係者が鶴田医師より聴取した内容を記した政府内部調書(日本語)の写し

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30 Aug. 45

Subject: Reported Death of CHANDRA BOSE

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Copy to:

GS(Int)
Adv LHQ

1. GHQ INDIA is vitally interested in obtaining confirmation of the reported death of CHANDRA BOSE in TOKYO as the result of an air crash. BOSE's adjutant, HABIB-UR-RAHMAN, is stated to have been injured in the crash and to be in hospital.
2. It would be appreciated if enquiries could be made as to the veracity of the reports.
3. If the report about HABIB-UR-RAHMAN is true, GHQ INDIA wish to know whether he could be flown to INDIA for interrogation.

for General
Commander Allied Land Forces

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From the Japanese Government to the General Headquarters

for the Allied Powers

C.L.C. - H. No. 12.

The Japanese Government has received the communication transmitted through the G.H.Q. Yokohama Committee that the General Headquarters for the Allied Powers was requested by the Headquarters of Admiral Mountbatten to make inquiries with a view to confirming the death of Subas Chandra Bose. Pending the compilation of complete data, it is considered desirable to submit an interim report based upon information so far available.

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Data relating to the Death of

Chandra Bose in an Airplane Accident

1. The itinerary of the journey of Bose and his party.

August 16,	10:30	Leave Singapore
" "	15:30	Arrive Bangkok (Stay overnight)
August 17,	8:00	Leave Bangkok
" "	11:00	Arrive Saigon
" "	17:00	Leave Saigon
" "	19:30	Arrive Tourane (Stay overnight)
August 18,	7:00	Leave Tourane
" "	13:00	Arrive Taihoku
" "	14:00	Leave Taihoku

The accident occurred immediately after take-off.

2. Type of plane.

97 - 2 Model. A heavy bomber.

3. Persons in the plane.

Lieutenant General Shidei (Japanese)

Chandra Bose

Habiller Rahman (spelling uncertain) Aide de Camp and

Assistant Chief of Staff to Bose

Six others, including Japanese staff officers and crew of the plane.

4. Circumstances surrounding the accident.

On August 16 the weather over the Formosa Strait was calm and clear so that the plane made a difficult voyage of several hours. It reached the Taihoku Airfield at 13:00 o'clock. After refueling it took off at 14:00 o'clock. When it rose about 10 metres

ground the propeller of the left side engine fell apart. The plane, shaking violently right and left, listed to the left and crashed against the mound at the end of the airfield. Fire broke out instantly at both front and rear of the plane.

Bose, drenched in gasoline and covered with flame, emerged from a hole on the left side and toward the front of the fuselage. His aide H. R. also crawled out of the machine, and endeavored to extinguish the fire on Bose, who however had been severely burned, beside being injured at several places, including two or three cuts in the neck. Ten minutes after the accident, he was taken to the Army Hospital in Taihoku, and received treatment at 15:00 o'clock. His death came at 21:00 o'clock. His aide H. R. was also burned on neck, right cheek, both arms and right leg. Lieutenant General Shidei met an instantaneous death inside the plane. (Two others died likewise).

5. Disposition of the remains of Bose.

August 20, placed in a coffin.

" 22 Cremation.

" 23, Funeral at the Nishi Honganji Temple, Taihoku.

II Babiller Rahman Aide de Camp

H. R. arrived in Tokyo on September 1, and is under medical treatment.

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C.L.O. - M. No. 26

Central Liaison Office
September 19, 1945

Supreme Commander
For the Allied Powers

I have the honor to refer to C.L.O. - M. No. 12 concerning the death of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and correct the date of his death which was erroneously reported in the above note, namely, "On August 16" under I-(4) "Circumstances surrounding the accident" in the note under reference should read "On August 18".

Katsuo Okazaki

Director General
Central Liaison Office

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Investigation on the cause of death and
other matters of the late Subhas Chandra Bose.

Regarding the cause of death of the late Subhas Chandra Bose and articles left by him, inquiries were made of the following persons who are considered to have had some relations with the matter.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation at that time</u>
Mr. T. Hachiya	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Provisional Government of Free India.
Mr. S. Nonogaki	Lieut.-Colonel, Staff Officer, Headquarters, Air Forces in Java.
Mr. T. Yoshimi	Surgeon Captain, Head, Nanmon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital.
Mr. T. Tsuruta	Army surgeon of the above Hospital.
Mr. K. Arai	Captain, Headquarters, Tsukasa Air Corps.
Mr. M. Takakura	Lieut.-Colonel, Staff Officer, Imperial Headquarters.
Mr. M. Shibuya	Lieut.-Colonel, Staff Officer, Headquarters, Army Forces in Formosa.
Mr. T. Sakai	Lieut.-Colonel, Staff Officer, Headquarters, Army Forces in Burma.
Mr. K. Sakai	Major, Battalion Commander, Taipei Military Air Port.
Mr. M. Kinoshita	Major, Imperial Headquarters.

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Mr. M. Nakamura	Captain, Taipei Military Air Port.
Mr. H. Hasegawa	Sublieutenant, Imperial Headquarters.
Mr. T. Hayashida	Sublieutenant, Headquarters, Army Forces in Formosa.

An outline of the result of the investigations is as follows:

1. Movements of Mr. Bose

August 17,	8 a.m.	left Bangkok
"	11 a.m.	arrived at Saigon
"	5 p.m.	left Saigon
"	7:30 p.m.	arrived at Tourane
August 18,	7 a.m.	left Tourane
"	0.30 p.m.	arrived at Taipei
"	1.50 p.m.	left Taipei

Immediately after taking off, the airplane in which he rode fell to the ground, and he was wounded.

August 18, about 3.00 p.m. he entered the Nannon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital.

" 7.00 p.m. he died.

August 22, he was cremated (at the Taipei Municipal crematorium)

August 23, his funeral ceremony was held
(at the Taipei Nishi-Honganji Temple)

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Mr. Bose, accompanied by Adjutant Rahmin, left Saigon on August 17 on board a liaison airplane (heavy bomber, twine-engined, Type II remodelled 97), and arrived at Taipei air-port a little past noon on the next day.

The airplane, first scheduled to land at Heito air-port, Taiwan (Formosa), changed the plan on the way for flying to Taipei directly, as both the weather and engines had been found to be in good condition, and extended its flight to Taipei without any notice there beforehand.

The airplane left Taipei air-port before 2 p.m. after refueling and lunching.

At the moment when the pitch of the propellers was changed after the plane had taken off and risen about 20 metres above the ground, one petal of the three-petaled propeller of the left wing was suddenly broken, and the engine fell off. The airplane, subsequently unbalanced, crashed into ballast piles, beside the strip of the air-port, for repairing bombed holes (Reference: Annex I), and was wrapped in flames in a moment.

Immediately after the plane's fall, the passengers on board escaped from it, but, as the persons in the front deck (Reference: Annex II) were soaked with gasoline in auxiliary tanks all over their bodies, they suffered serious burns; Lieut.-General Shidei and other two men died within the plane.

Mr. Bose,

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Mr. Bose, wrapped up in flames, got off the plane; Adjutant Rahmin and other passengers exerted themselves to take his clothes off, but as his thick sweater for cold weather was permeated with gasoline, his whole body was seriously wounded by burns.

Mr. Bose, wholly unclothed, was sent to the Nammon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital accompanied by Adjutant Rahmin, Staff-Officer Nonogaki, and other persons. He was diagnosed by the Head of the Hospital Yoshimi, and Military-Surgeon Tsuruta (surgical treatment was mainly done by Military-Surgeon Tsuruta, a surgical expert).

At the commencement of the treatment, Mr. Bose said that other persons might as well be treated first and he would be treated last, but the treatment was commenced with him.

His conditions: His whole body suffered serious burns 2° and 3° (2° = dropsical swellings appear on the skin; 3° = skin is carbonized), and had a colour of oxidized silver caused from burns and sores. His face unusually swollen, but his consciousness was clear.

A considerable quantity of Ringer's solution was instantly injected; wounds and burns were treated; and after the injections of Sulfa-drugs, he was swathed from top to toe, and brought to a sick-room. (Reference: Annex III).

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Mr. Bose, thinking he could not live, asked Military-Surgeon Tsuruta to attend on him all night, so Tsuruta continued to sit beside the sick-bed.

Until about 7 p.m. he kept clear consciousness, and had talks with Adjutant Rahmin, but suddenly his consciousness was lost, and his heart ceased to move. In spite of several injections of heart stimulant and artificial aspiration, he could not revive.

By his side were Military-Surgeon Tsuruta, Colonel Rahmin, Interpreter Nakamura and a gendarme (as a guard) at the moment of his death. (Reference: Annex IV)

2. Disposition of his remains and articles left by him.

(1) Major Sakai, Ex-Battalion Commander of Taipei Air-port, ordered 20 odd soldiers under his command and gendarmes to collect baggage of the passengers of the wrecked plane on the afternoon of August 18.

At this search, things considered to have belonged to Mr. Bose were put into a 18-litre's petroleum can, which was sealed in the presence of the commander and gendarme on duty and brought to the Taiwan (Formosa) Army Headquarters.

(2) At the Headquarters, Lieut.-Colonel Shibuya, an aerial chief, received it and put it in a wooden box.

The box was sealed once again and kept safely, and was sent, together with Mr. Bose's remains, to Tokyo under the care of Adjutant Rahmin and Lieut.-Colonel Sakai, ex-staff officer of the Army in Burma district, who left Taipei on September 5.

(3) As Colonel Rahmin and Lieut.-Colonel Sakai were somewhat disabled due to wounds, the custody of the box was entrusted to Sublieutenant Hayashida, a fellow-traveller, on the way.

After arriving at Fukuoka, Lieut.-Colonel Sakai took charge of the transport of the box under the guard of three soldiers dispatched from the Army of the Western District.

The group went up to Tokyo by train, and on September 7, 11:00 p.m. the box was handed to Major Kinoshita, commanding officer of the week, Imperial Headquarters.

(4) The box was transferred to Lieut.-Colonel Takakura, staff-officer, Imperial Headquarters, about 8 a.m. on the following day.

(5) The remains of Mr. Bose were handed to Mr. Ayyar, and the articles left by Mr. Bose to Mr. Murti, respectively, from Lieut.-Colonel Takakura a few minutes past noon on the same day at the entrance of the Imperial Headquarters.

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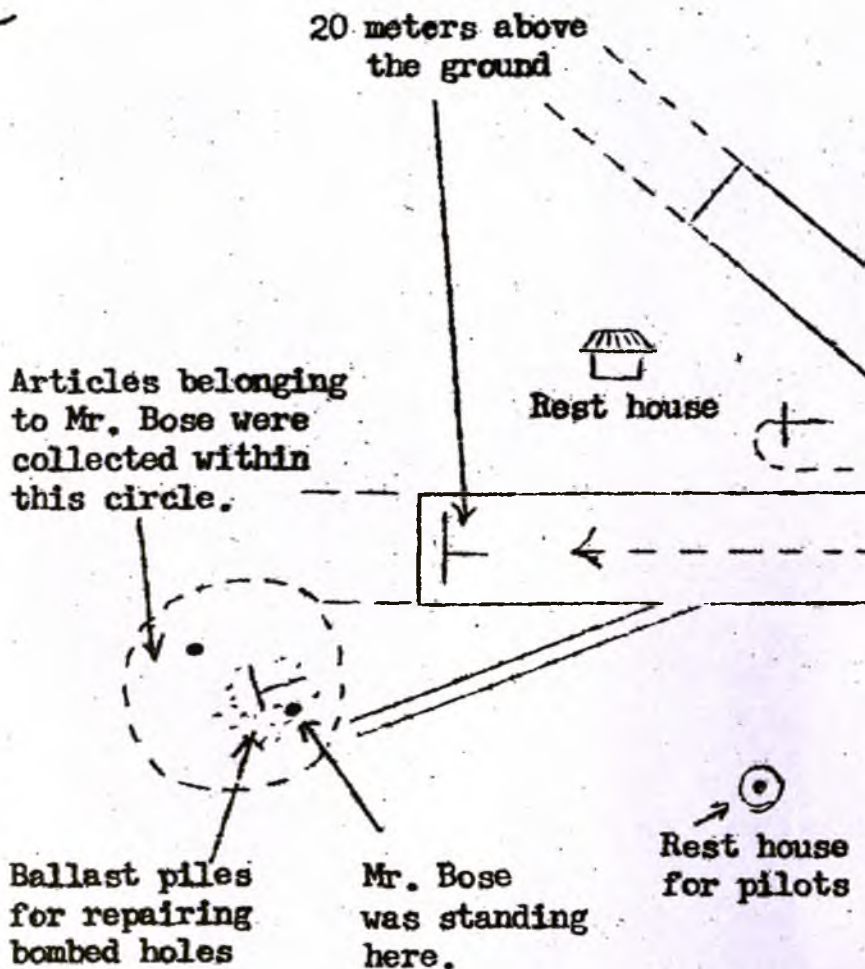
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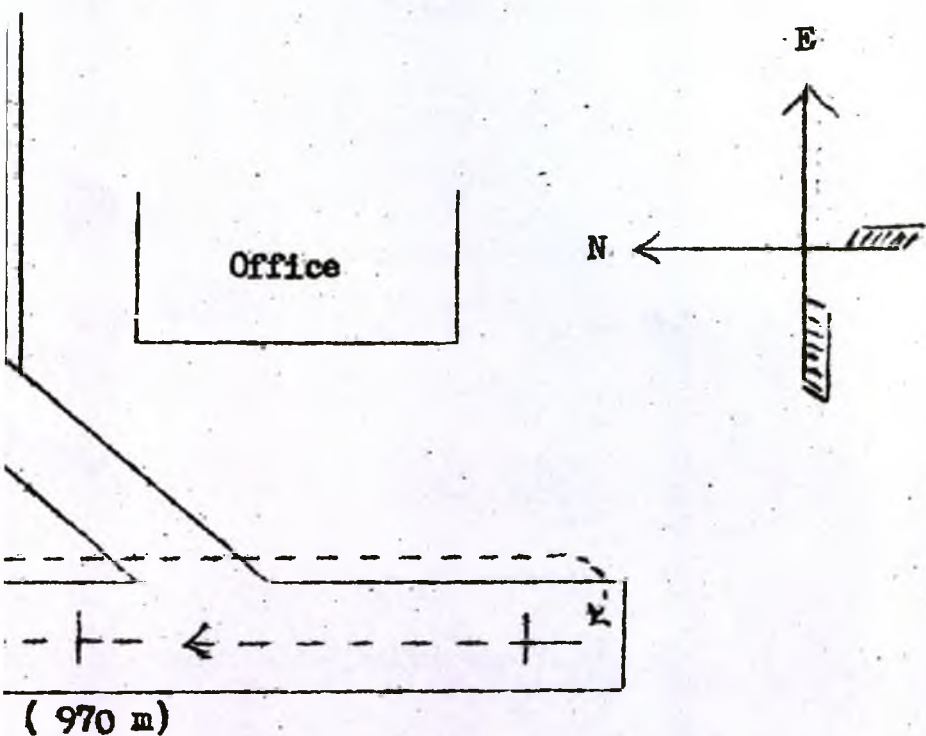
It is additionally stated that, according to the man who then commanded his subordinates at the air-port in collecting the articles, the can was 90 per cent filled, the contents of which were decoration-like metals, chain-like metals, ring-like metals and spurs, but, as those things had been burnt at the accident, none of them were clearly identified.

Other than the personnel working at the air-port at that time, no one knew anything about the contents, because the box was strictly sealed.

Sketch-map of the Air Port.

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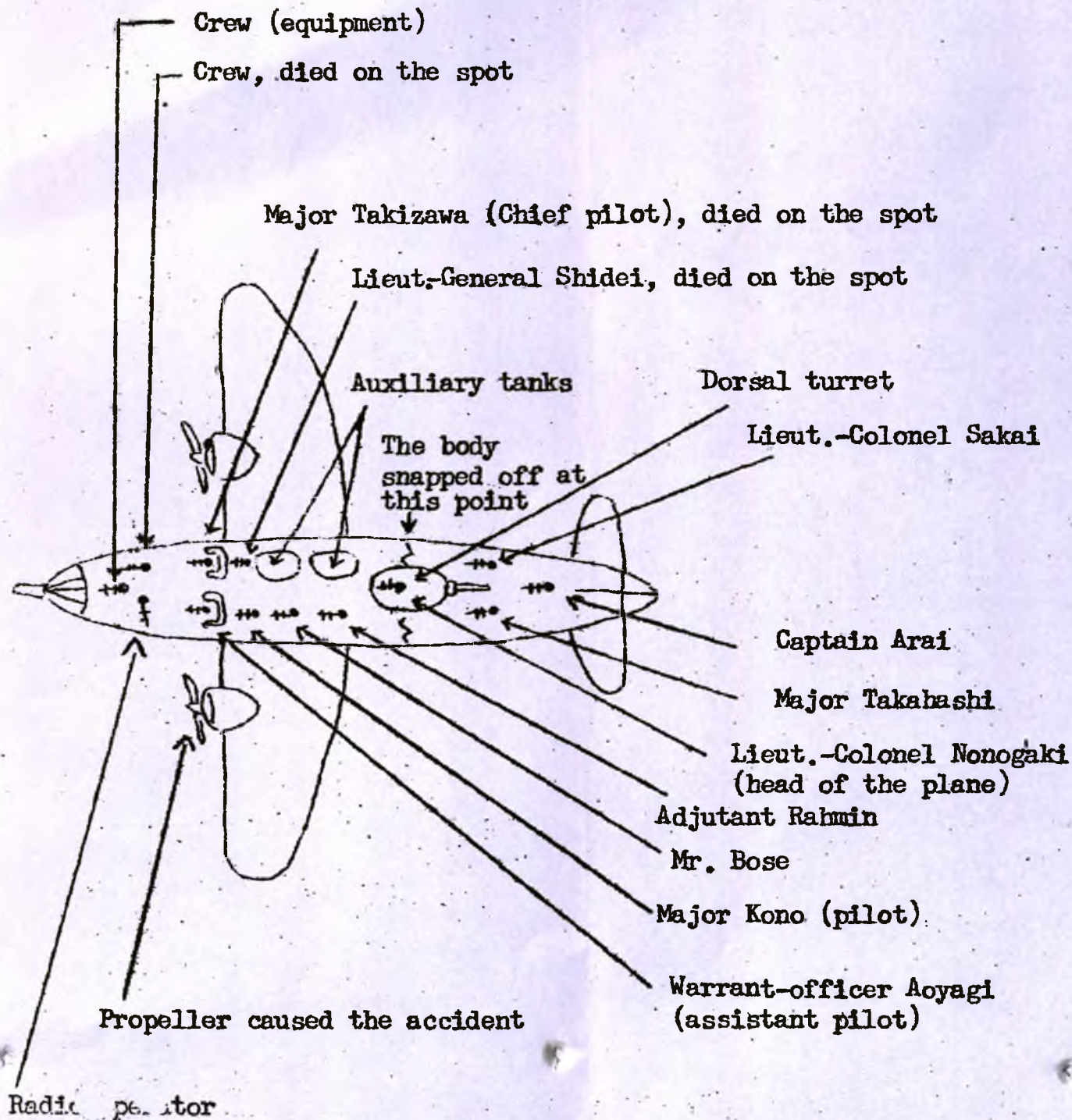




▽← Headquarters of the air-port

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↑ Anti-air raid
establishments

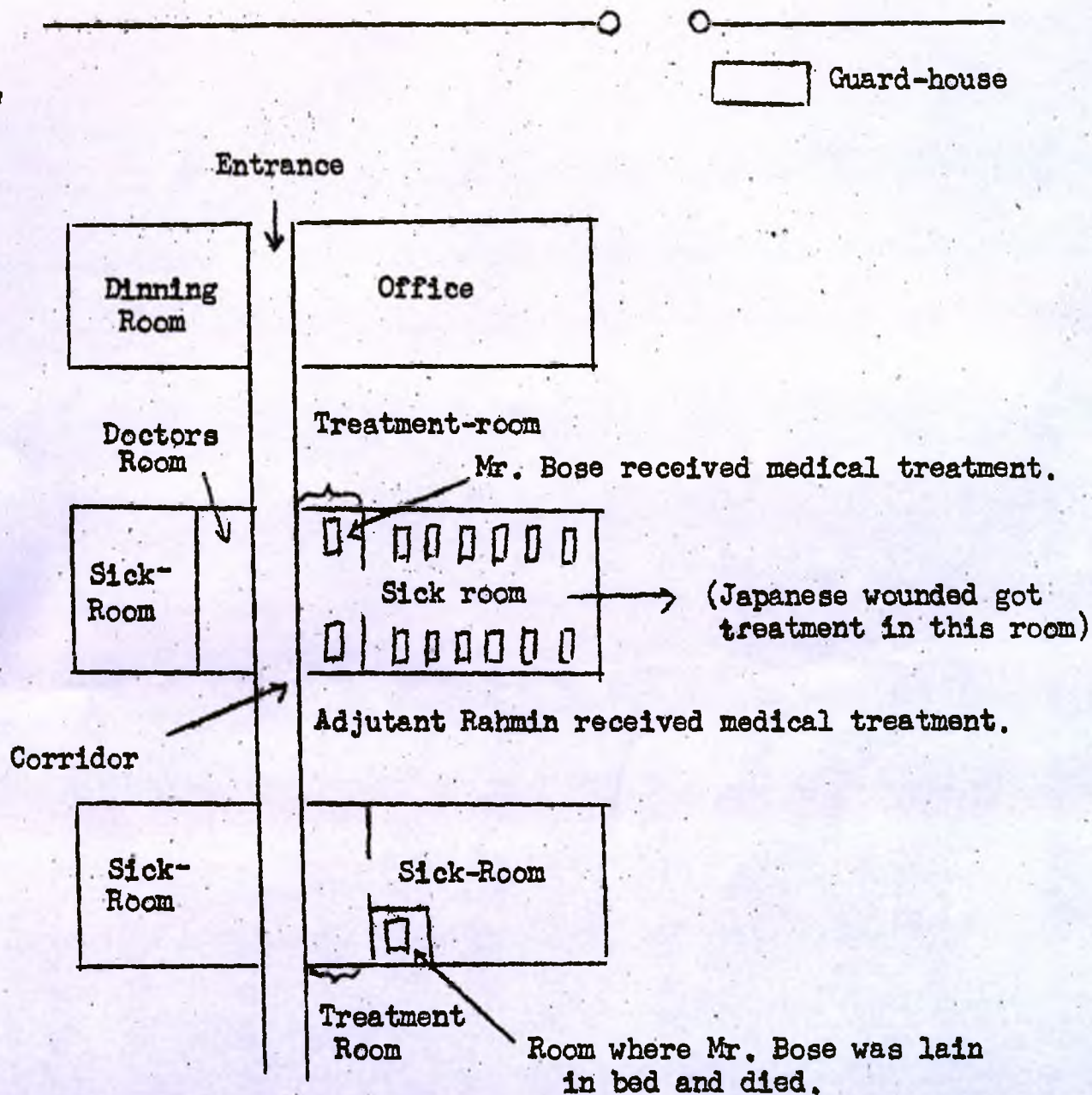
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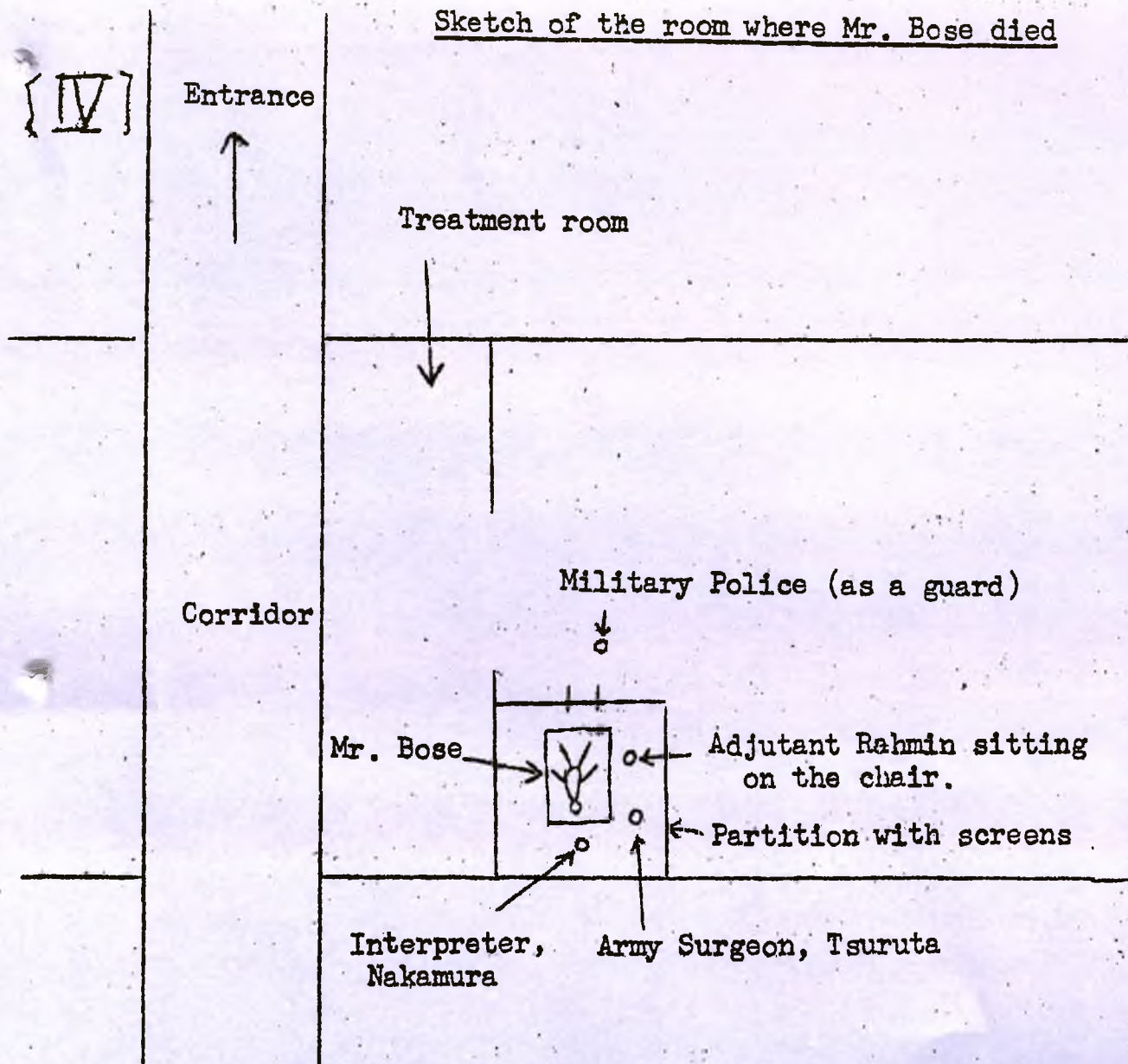
Sketch of the Nammon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital

[III]



(This sketch was drawn on December 13, 1955, according to the memory of Mr. Tsuruta, then Army Surgeon of the Army Hospital.)

Sketch of the room where Mr. Bose died



(This sketch was drawn according to the memory of Mr. Tsuruta)

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故スバス・チャンドラ・ボースの死因等に関する調査

故スバス・チャンドラ・ボース氏の死因、及ぶ遺品に関し、関係ありと認められる左記諸氏について調査したところ、大要左の通りである。

(氏 名)	(当 時 の 職 名)
蜂 谷 輝 雄	自由印度仮政府派遣 特命全權公使
高 倉 盛 雄	元大本営陸軍参謀 (中佐)
野々垣 四 郎	ジャワ航空師団参謀 (中佐)
波 谷 正 成	元台湾軍参謀 (中佐)
吉 見 胤 義	元台北陸軍病院南門分院長 (軍医大尉)
鶴 田 登 代 志	元台北陸軍病院南門分院 (軍医見習士官)
荒 井 溪 吉	司航空師団補給所 (大尉)
酒 井 忠 雄	元ビルマ方面軍参謀 (中佐)

酒 井 健 一 元台北飛行場大隊長（少佐）
 木 下 将 春 元大本營陸軍部附（少佐）
 中 村 誠 元台北飛行場勤務隊長（大尉）
 長 谷 川 浩 元台北飛行場勤務隊長（少尉）
 村 田 達 雄 元台灣軍司令部附（少尉）

一、ボース氏動靜

八月十七日午前八時 ベンコック 発
 " " 午前十一時 サイゴン 着
 " " 午後五時 サイゴン 発
 " " 午後七時三〇分 ツーラン 着
 八月十八日午前七時 ツーラン 発
 " " 午後〇時三〇分 台 北 着
 " " 午後一時五〇分 台 北 発

離陸直後搭乗機が墜落、負傷

八月十八日午後三時頃

台北陸軍病院南門分院に入院

午後七時過ぎ

死亡

八月二十二日

火葬（於台北市當火葬場）

八月二十三日

葬儀（於台北西本願寺）

ボース氏はラーマン副官と共に八月十七日西貢發大連行連絡機（九七改造二型重爆機双発）に搭乗、翌十八日正午過ぎ台北飛行場に到着した。同機は当初台湾屏東飛行場に着陸の予定であつたが、天候、機関の調子共に良好であつたので、途中で予定を変更し、台北まで足を延した関係上、台北の航空関係者には同機通過の連絡はなかつた。台北で給油、昼食を終え、午後二時前に同飛行場を飛び立つた。同機が離陸して（約二〇米上昇）プロペラのピッチを変えた瞬間、左翼三葉プロペラのうち一葉が折れ、続いて同発動機が落下して機体は均衡を失い、滑走路脇の弾痕補修用砂利に衝突（別添Ⅰ参照）、機体は一瞬にして火炎に包まれた。

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墜落直後、各搭乗者は夫々機外に脱出したが、前半部搭乗者（別添Ⅱ参照）は補助タンクのガソリンを全身に浴びたため火傷の程度が激しく、四手井中將他二名は機内で焼死した。

ボース氏は全身火タルマとなつて機外に脱出、ライマン副官はじめ各搭乗者が必死となつて脱衣に努めたが、防寒用の部厚いセーターにガソリンが滲透していたため全身に重火傷を負つた。ボース氏は丸裸のまま直ちにライマン副官、野々垣参謀等に付添われ台北陸軍病院南門分院に入院、午后三時頃より吉見院長、鶴田軍医の診療を受けた。（処置は主として外科専門の鶴田軍医が担当）処置にとりかかつた際ボース氏は「他の者を先に処置するように、自分は他の者が済んで一番後でよい」と云つたが、処置はボース氏より始められた。その容体は、全身にわたつて火傷二度及び三度の重傷（二度は皮膚に水泡を形成し、三度は皮膚が炭化する程度）を受け、体全体がイブシ銀色に焼け、ただ顔は無気味にはれ上つていたが意識

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は明瞭であつた。直ちにリンゲル液をかなり大量注射し、創庚、火傷の手当を行い、スルファミン剤の注射を終え、全身を繃帯で包んで病室に運んだ。(別添Ⅲ参照)

鶴田軍医はボース氏より、助からないと思うから一晩中付添つてくれ、との依頼を受けていたので引続き病床についていた。七時頃までは意識がはつきりしていて、ライマン副官と色々話していたが、程なく急激に意識がなくなり、心臓が止まつた。その時強心剤の注射を数本打ち、暫く人工呼吸したが遂に蘇生しなかつた。臨終の際は、鶴田軍医、ライマン大佐、中村通訳及び憲兵(警護のため)一名が傍にいた。(別添Ⅳ参照)

二 遺骨、遺品の措置

(2) 元台北飛行場大隊長酒井少佐は八月十八日午後部下の将兵約二

〇名及び憲兵をして遭難機搭乗者携行荷物の拾収にあたらせた。

この際ボース氏の荷物と思われるものを十八リットル入り石油

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鐘一個につめて、勤務隊長、憲兵立合の下に封印して台湾軍司令部に送付した。

(2) 台湾軍司令部では航空主任の渋谷中佐がこれを受領、その儘木箱に収め、更に封印の上保管し、九月五日ラーマン副官及び元ビルマ方面参謀酒井中佐が東京向台北出発の際これを遺骨とともに托送した。

(3) ラーマン大佐及び酒井中佐は負傷のため体が不自由なので途中から同行の林田少尉に、又福岡到着後は西部軍派遣の衛兵三名の警護の下に酒井中佐が宰領主任となり、汽車で東京に向い、九月七日午後十一時大本営週番司令木下少佐に送達された。

(4) 木下少佐は翌八日午前八時頃右を大本営参謀高倉中佐に引継ぎ、

(5) 高倉中佐は同日正午過ぎ大本営玄関で遺骨はアイヤー氏、遺品はムルテイ氏に手渡した。

なお、当時飛行場にあつて部下を監督して蒐集に当つた者の言

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に依れば、中味は九分通り詰つていて勲章らしきもの、鎖り様なもの、輪形のもの等の金属類や拍車等であつたが、全部焼け焦れていて良く分らなかつた。との事であるが、右飛行場勤務者以外は箱が嚴封されていたので内容については全然承知していない由である。

Investigation on the cause of the death of Chandra Bose

On December 13, 1955, Mr. Tsuruta was interviewed on the cause of the death of the late Subhas Chandra Bose. Mr. Tsuruta, a former Army Surgeon, treated Mr. Bose at the Nanmon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital till the moment of his death from the time when he was injured at the Taipei Airport. (Mr. Tsuruta's present address is;- 1-6, Sakaecho, Tsu, Mie-Prefecture. He is the Head of the Orthopedic Department of the Hospital affiliated with Prefectural Medical College.) Before the interview, a brief explanation was given to him about the reason why the Government needs to conduct investigation on the matter. Mr. Tsuruta made a statement mentioned in a paper attached herewith. (Information on the matter which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs gained was not furnished him beforehand so that he will not have a preconceived idea about the matter.)

(By Yoshida, official, the 4th Division of the Asian Affairs Bureau)

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The gist of a statement by Tsuruta, the former Army Surgeon, concerning the process of the death of the Late Subhas Chandra Bose at the Manmon Branch of Taipei Army Hospital (December 13, 1955)

Forgive me for fading my memories of the matter with the passage of time.

After 3 o'clock or around 4 o'clock on 18th of August, the injured were brought to a hospital from the Matsuyama Airport. (Usually, after an advance notice is given, the injured are taken to the hospital. I was not informed anything about it beforehand.)

I cannot say exactly how they were taken to the hospital as I was in the hospital building at a time of their arrival. I think they were taken by cars, lying on stretchers. More than ten persons were taken to the hospital, including Mr. Bose, Adjutant Rahman, several Staff Officers of the Japanese Army, Cap. Jyusaburo Aovagi (Warrant Officer) and Vice Cap. Seisaku Ishida (Sergeant Major).

At first, I could not identify a person as Mr. Bose. First, the Adjutant wearing an INA collar badge said in halting Japanese, "His Excellency Mr. Bose water water." However, I still could not recognize him as Mr. Bose. A Japanese Staff Officer of the Army, who was standing beside me, said, "Please do not ask me a name of an Indian person." He whispered, "This is Chandra Bose." Then I acknowledged that he was Mr. Bose for the first time. Mr. Bose asked for a pillow, saying in English "Pillow Pillow." When I was about to commence the treatment, Mr. Bose said in English, "Treat other persons first. I would be treated last after completing the treatments of other persons." (Although I do not speak English well, I can listen to English. I was strongly moved by such an attitude of Mr. Bose. Usually, when a large number of the injured are taken to a hospital at one time, it makes a rule that the treatment is commenced with the most severely injured first, without making close examinations of each person.)

Mr. Bose's whole body suffered burns 2 degree and 3 degree. I thought he has little chance to live when I saw him first. (In 2 degree, dropsical swellings appear on the skin, while at 3 degree, skin is carbonized.) His conscious was very clear. Many others were wounded by burns. I remember that Adjutant Rahman was wounded by burns in his both hands and a cut on his forehead, (which was deep enough to reach to the periosteum.) I commenced the treatment immediately. (A place of the

treatment is drawn in a sketch.) A considerable quantity of Ringer's solution was injected to Mr. Bose. (Water was not given to him. In such a case, usually, Ringer's solution is injected without giving water.) While having a meal after completing the treatments with Mr. Bose and other persons, Mr. Nakamura, an interpreter who was living in Taipei not as a military man but as a civilian, came to see me, carrying a message of Mr. Bose who was reportedly to said, "I think I cannot live. Please ask Mr. Tsuruta to attend on me all night." So I attended on Mr. Bose immediately.

He passed away after 7 o'clock, if I remember right. He kept clear consciousness and had talks with Colonel Rahman but suddenly his consciousness was lost, and his heart ceased to move. In spite of several injections of heart stimulant and artificial aspiration, he could not revive.

I remember it very clearly that when he died it was still light outside windows. I am sure it was not late at night. (I cannot absolutely accept a theory that he died at 11 o'clock. After his death, formalin was injected into his body as mentioned below. Although, the injection was a time consuming work, I have a clear memory that I completed it before 12 o'clock. If he had died at 11 o'clock, the work could not have completed before 12 o'clock.) His death was not announced on that day. (The newspaper in Taipei carried a small article on an accident at the Matsuyama Airport several days later.) An official statement or an official report might have said that his death came at 9 o'clock. However, in actuality, as mentioned before his death came earlier than that time. When he died, it was still light outside. (A time of death of a critically ill patient tends to be reported a bit later than the actual time of his death. It is a matter of merit of a hospital.)

By his side were myself, Colonel Rahman, interpreter Nakamuta and an military police at the moment of his death (as shown in a sketch.) I do not remember clearly whether Army Surgeon Yoshimi was there or not at that time as I was absolutely preoccupied with the treatment. At a time of artificial aspiration, he might have been there. It is for certain that he was at present when formalin was injected. (As Army Surgeon Yoshimi was preoccupied with a liaisons with the Army Headquarters at a time when such an accident occurred, I bore the responsible for the treatments.)

Following death of Mr. Bose, under instructions from the Army Headquarters to give treatment to prevent the body from decaying so that they can send the body to Tokyo, I injected formalin into the artery.

I was not there when the body was placed in a coffin. Several days later when I was walking on a corridor, I found the coffin in a special room. Fruits such as bananas were offered on the coffin. I wondered what time the body would be sent. I have a memory that the body was cremated several days after the death. It is absolutely not true that the body was cremated on the following day of his death. Several days after the death of Mr. Bose, at the Army Headquarters' sudden request to write a death certificate, I issued it in my name. "The change in circumstances does not allow us to send the body to Tokyo. A decision was taken suddenly to cremate the body at Taipei. We request you to write a death certificate for the purpose of cremation," said the Army Headquarters. Being concerned that if identification of the body had been found out as Mr. Bose, it would have turned out bad, the Army Headquarters told me not to write Mr. Bose's name in a death certificate. I gave a false Japanese name of 'Hachiro Ohkura,' after 'Kihachiro Ohkura.

I wrote only one death certificate without making any copy. (When a death certificate is issued, usually, more than one certificate are issued.) The death certificate might have been presented to the crematorium. Soon after I wrote a death certificate, the body was taken out from the hospital by track. It was in the afternoon as the sun was still shining.

Colonel Rahman kept clear consciousness from the very beginning. As mentioned before, upon arriving at the hospital, he said, "His Excellency Mr. Bose water." Colonel Rahman was by the side of Mr. Bose, sitting in a chair at the moment of his death. Colonel Rahman had never fallen into a coma. As Colonel Rahman was not seriously injured, he was transferred to an army hospital in Hokuto several days after he received injury. There was a reason why the authorities were not able to keep him at the Nanmon Branch of the Army Hospital.

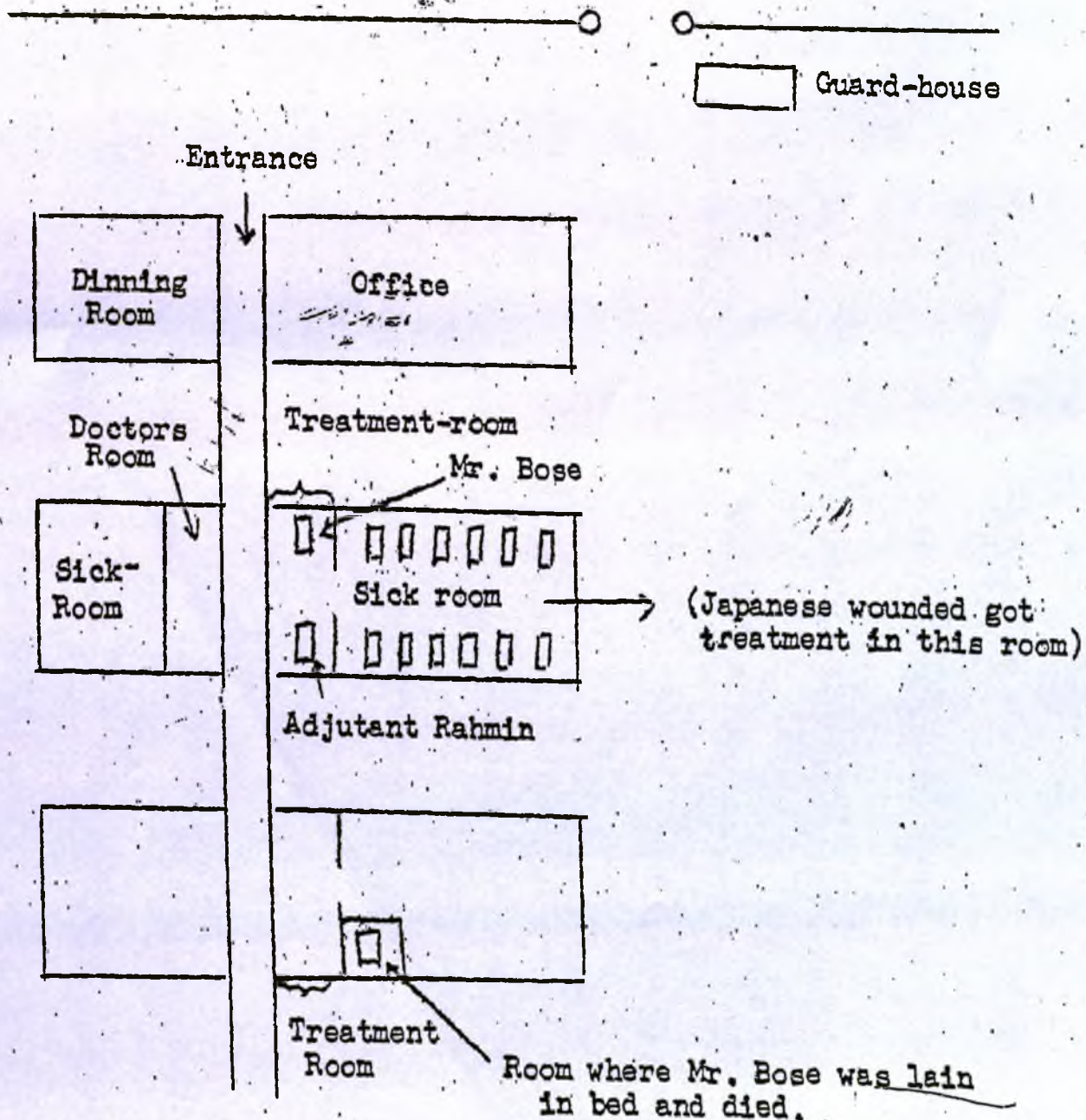
American and British war prisoners were imprisoned in a prisoners' camp in Maruyama in Taipei. Several days after the Bose incident, a US military plane dropped comfort articles in the camp, using parachutes. However, parachutes did not flare as the plane flew at a low altitude. Comfort articles reached the ground, breaking through rooves of buildings in the camp. The accident caused many casualties. Wounded war prisoners were admitted to the hospital, making it difficulty to hide Colonel Rahman. He was transferred to a hospital in Hokuto. (We had hid him carefully for one or two days.) By the time when he was transferred to Hokuto, the Colonel has recovered fairly well.

Among petty workers of the hospital, there was a rumour flying about that Mr. Bose was deliberately killed. I had heard of it but had no such an idea at all. One of Staff Officers of the Japanese Army, who was in the same plane with Mr. Bose, said "If this plane had arrived in Japan safely, we could not have continued war." I saw him expressing regret at the death of Mr. Bose. The murder theory is totally out of consideration, taking into consideration staff officers of the Army were in a state of confusion.

Sketch of the Nanmon Branch of the Army Hospital

This sketch was made on December 13, 1955, according to the memory of Mr. Tsuruta, then Army Surgeon of the Army Hospital.

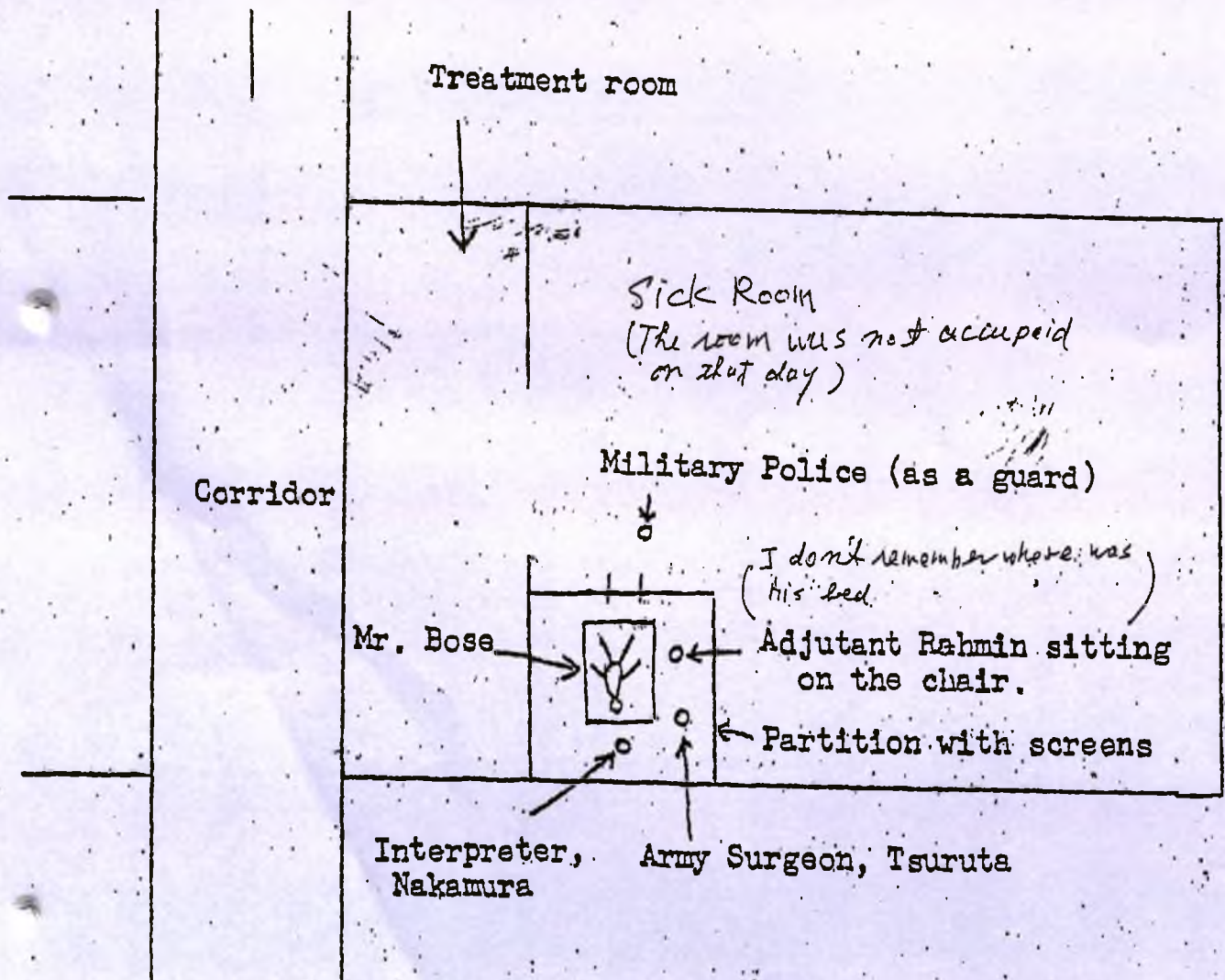
When Mr. Bose and the members of his team were taken to the hospital, Mr. Bose and Colonel Rahman were lain in beds in a treatment-room in the centre of the wards. Officers of the Japanese Army were lain in beds for the treatments in the next room (which was not occupied of that day.)



Sketch of the room where Mr. Bose died

(This sketch was drawn on December 13, 1955, according to the memory of Mr. Tsuruta, then Army Surgeon of the Army Hospital.)

I do not remember clearly whether a Military Police was in or out of the room. If I remember right, he sat back in a chair outside of the room and did not move whoever came to the room.



たけし、ホースの死因調査に因する件

故スミ、たけし、ホースの死因に因し、ホース台北飛行場におい

受傷後台北陸軍病院南門分室におい同氏の臨終を主治医

として治療にあつた鶴田登氏元陸軍軍医見習士官（現在三重

県津市栄町一丁目、県立医科大学附属病院整形外科医長）

に昭和三年十二月十三日面接し、政府に今後本件調査を必要とする

至る理由につき簡潔に説明の上、本件に因し鶴田氏より別添の

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通り陳述も得た。(なお右陳述前に同氏に先入観を与へることを

避けたが外務省が今迄得た諸情報は事前に同氏に報せ

なかつた)

アミタ局水田課

吉田事務官

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元台北陸軍病院南門分室鶴田元見習士官の故父久松氏
の死の経緯に関する陳述要旨

(三〇・十一・三)

日時が相違を過へるが、全般にわたる記憶が薄れていること

承願した。

確が八月十一日午後三時過ぎから四時頃松山飛行場から負傷者を

送ってきた。(大体負傷者を陸軍病院に搬入する際は事前に予

告があることになっているが、自分は何等予告も受けていなかった)

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自分は教院内に入り、到着した現場をみて、確う、たことと申し上

げられながら、坦架のき、自動車に乘せられ運ばれて来たのではないと思う。

一行はボク氏と副官のフーコ文佐、日本軍参謀数名、その他操縦の

青柳重三郎准尉、副操縦の石田清作曹長等計十名を越した。

自分は最初ボク氏とは分らなかった。「INA」(インド国民軍)の標章

を付けた副官が、あやう、日本語で「ボク、降参ミズ(水)、く」と最初

云った。それでも自分はまだボク氏とは分らなかったが、日本人の参謀

が横から「そのインド人の名を聞かなくてはい」と言ふ。小聲で「これは
 やすいからさ」と教へて、自分は始めて木文氏であることを知った。木文氏
 は英語で「ジャ、ジャ」と枕を要求した。直ぐ処置にかゝることになり
 木文氏は英語で「他の者を先に処置するように。自分は他の者が済ん
 でから一番後でよい」と言われた。（自分は英語は余り話せないが聞
 こはできる。自分は木文氏のかゝる態度に非常な感銘を受けた。病
 院の常識では、負傷者が一時は多数入る時は、一人一人詳しく

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見ず、先づ最重傷者から処置することになる。）ホム氏も全身

にわたって火傷二度及び三度で殆んど初めから助からなうと思った。（二度は

皮膚に水泡を形成し、三度は皮膚が炭化する程度を言う。）ホム氏

の意識は極めてはっきりしていた。他の者は火傷の者が多かった。この

大佐は両手に火傷と、顔に裂傷（骨膜に達する深さ）があったと記

憶する。直ぐ処置に当たった。（処置の場所は別図の通り。）ホム氏

はリンゲル液をかなり大量に皮下注射した。（結局水はやらな

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がった。この場合は水を飲まず、水分は注射して補うが意識は

一應ホエ氏その他傷者の治療が済んで食事をしてたところ、通訳

の中村氏(軍隊の人でなく、お祭りなど、自北に住んでいた人である)がやっ

来て「ホエ氏は自分自身とても助かっていると思うから、済まなうが」

(鶴田氏)

「晩中待たせてもらったと言ったが、どうしてか、また自分で直ぐ

ホエ氏に行った。

その^{いふ}量^はたのは確か。七時過ぎたかと思う。今迄意識がはっきり

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「ア」文佐と語っていたが、急激に意識がなくなり、臓が止まらな

時、強心剤の注射を数本打ち、暫く人工呼吸機に臓の回復がな
った。

ところが時は未だ愈々外が薄明となったことは、きり記憶している

が、そんなにおも、時間がながったことは、確かである。(死の時間が十時

というとは絶対納得できない。というは後述の如く死後、死体は

木にこり、氷の注ぎを行っていたが、それは相当時間がかかっている

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らう、その作業は十二時前に終ったことをはっきり記憶している。十時に死

んだらなう十二時前にこの作業が終る筈はなう。) 死亡発表はこの日ほし

なからた。(数日後台北の新聞に小松山飛行場の事故として出た。)

九時という死亡時間には正式な発表或は報告にはとうていこの方かも知

れなうが、実際の時間には前述の通り、それよりも早く未だ外、薄明

の時刻にた。 (病院の危篤患者の死亡時間報告は、大体実際の

よりも後なる場合が多い。それは病院のメトリックに不関係するから

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である。)

臨終の際に自分、うしろ文彦、中村通誠、奥女一丸が傍にいたことは

はっきり記憶している。(夏取岡別荘の通称) 吉見軍医がその時、たか

どつか、治療に一生懸命をたれて病院に賞えてゐた。人工呼吸を

してゐる時、或は来りたかも知れない。つた、つた、つた、つた、つた、つた、

かたした。(吉見軍医はかゝる事件が起るときは軍司令部で待つてゐる

対外的な機に違ふ。治療は自分が責任をもちてゐる。)

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木之氏死之後軍司令部から死体をそのまゝ東京に運ぶたつた、
死体が大言おつても腐敗しないよう措置ありたつとの指令があり、股
動脈を切開し、ホルホル液を注入した。
それから後の緞棺等には自分は五合といふ。数日後廊下と
通つた特別室に棺が安置されておる、その前に六十坪の果物が
仕込まれてあるのを見て、自分は「一体死体を何時運送するのだ」といふ
人考ふたことがあつた、火葬は確か死後数日たつたからだつた

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と記憶する。死の翌日焼死は絶対な。死後数日たつから、
突然軍司令部より事情が変つて死体を東京に運ばなつて、急に火葬
して火葬する事になった。火葬のため死訃書を書かなくては依り
たが、自分から死訃書を書いた。それと軍司令部の要求した
死訃書に死者が木下氏であることが分つて来ると、木下氏
氏とせず、木下氏の擬名に「大倉一郎」と書いた。(これは自分が大
倉一郎の名をもらつて書いた。)

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自分が書いた死の診断書は一枚だけ、控えておいたから（普通

死の診断書は数通作るが筆藏である）自分の死は火葬場へ送る

とするのだ。なのである。自分の診断書を書き終った時、人から

「死体は病院から運ばれた。時刻は午後の四時に来た」とい

った。文佐は最初から意識がはききして、先づ病院に着いた

時、前座の如く木久閣下ニ文と云った。臨終の時も椅子に坐り

木久氏の枕頭に入った。人事不省に陥ったとなど一度もない。

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マウス大佐は左程重傷ではなかつたので、受傷後数日してから北投陸

軍病院に移った。マウス大佐を台北の南門外に置く

な事情があつた。マウス大佐の丸山には汚穢收容所があり、米英の汚穢

が入つてゐたが、ホース事件から数日後、米軍機が收容所に落下し、

慰問品を投下したが、余り地震だつたので落下傘が開かず、慰問品が

收容所の屋根を突抜け落下し、多数の死傷者を出し、傷者の

汚穢が病院に入つて来た。マウス大佐をかくしきつた北投に移した。

卷之五

一、本見取圖は昭和十一年十二月十三日鶴田元軍医見習士官の
記憶により作成したものである。

二、木下氏一行が相模達まへに際、真中の病棟の処置室に
お久代並んたらう夫人を宿せし。日本軍東條君をその
隣りの病室（当日は空いていた）に宿がし、処置した。



台北陸軍病院南門分室見取図

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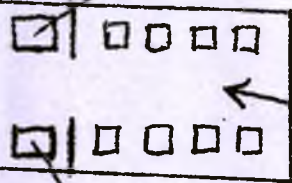
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事務室

処置室 ホース代

病室

医官室



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ラマン副官

処置室

病棟

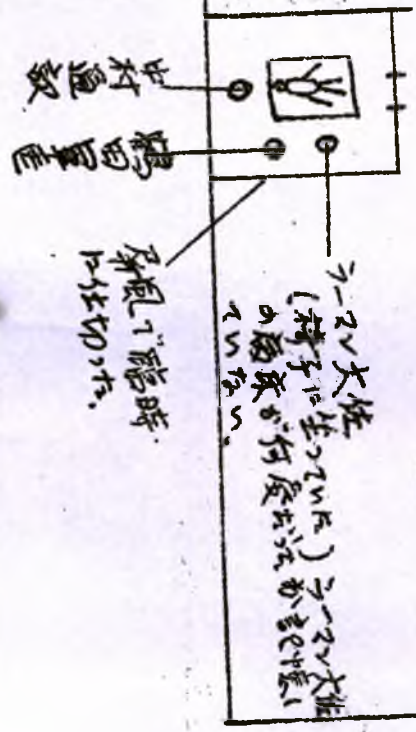
ホース代廊下の部屋

人の生り何處を要する
 此の座を外に椅子に
 中ではその設備一長
 電送本部、外に「電」

教室
 (空きた) 宿屋生

処置室

廊下



ホ-ス女端終。部屋見取図
 (本見取図は昭和三年十二月十三日鶴岡見取図と
 同様にして作成された)



Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission

No.TOK/102/02/03

Dear Ruchi,

This refers to Foreign Secretary's letter No.10565/FS/01 dated September 11, 2001 regarding the request to make available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry all records and documents both open and classified relating to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan has in response to the request of the Hon'ble Commission forwarded three documents. These documents along with their translations marked Sl. No.1, 2 and 3 in the top right-hand corner of the Japanese text and its English translation, the covering Note Verbale received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and a translation thereof are forwarded for onward transmission to the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

With kind rly.

Yours sincerely,

Biren Nanda
(Biren Nanda)

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Encls: As above.

Copy forwarded with enclosures to Shri Ashok K. Kantha, JS (EA), MEA, New Delhi.

These are important documents. Dir(CNV) may wish to bring them to notice of FS and EAM, along with a short summary. (Biren Nanda)

Pl. pu. on file *AKK*
Dir(CNV) quickly. Also include
ref. to letter recd in response
to our notice. *R 30/1*

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

January 20, 2004

Dear

This is further to my letters of even number dated December 12, December 29, 2003 and January 12, 2004 in response to your OM no. I/12014/3/2003-NCB dated December 3, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon, as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

2. Following the publication of the Notice, our Mission in Bangkok has received a response from a Bangkok resident who has claimed to know some facts about Netaji. A copy of the response received by the Mission from this person is enclosed for further appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

Copy for information to :-

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087, alongwith a copy of the above-mentioned enclosure.

R. Ghanashyam
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Director (CNV)

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FAX MESSAGE

TO The Embassy of India, Bangkok	TEL : 02-258-0300-6
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FROM : H B Kapasi	FAX : (66 2) 2601229
PAGES : 1	DATE : 12 January 2004

Dear Sir,

Subject Netaji Shobhas Chancha Bose

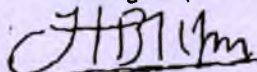
I refer to your advertisement in Bangkok Post Friday November 28 2003. I am sorry for belated reply as I was away to India in December - whole month.

My father late Mr B.A.Kapasi was supply minister in the Interim cabinet of Netaji Bose. He took active part alongside with Netaji for independence movement in Bangkok. He was imprisoned by British Government when Japan was defeated and expired at the very early age of 46 years only. He was the first President of India - Thai Chamber of Commerce (founder member), member of Royal Siam Society Rotary international and was leading figure of Indian Community in Thailand. As his son, I know some facts about Netaji and have many photographs of INA with us. Now coming to your enquiry, I have to reply as under -

- 1) Netaji S Bose is dead
- 2) He died in plane Crash
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I will be pleased to meet the commission when they visit Bangkok.

With regards,


H.B.KAPASI



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EMBASSY OF INDIA
BANGKOK

Dated January 15, 2004

No. BAN/POL/103/6/03

From	Ms. Manju, First Secretary (Pol), Indembassy Bangkok. (Tel. No. 00-66 2 2584491 – Fax No. 2584627/2621740)
To	Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director(CNV) Foreign, New Delhi (Fax: 23792285)
Rpt.	Shri R.K. Jha, US(ASEAN), MEA, New Delhi (Fax:23792136)
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Please refer to this Mission's fax message of even number dated December 24, 2003 regarding the Notice by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which was published in Thailand in the Bangkok Post and the Matichon newspapers on November 28, 2003 by this Mission.

We have received a response to the Notice from Mr. H.B. Kapasi, a resident of Bangkok, who has stated that he knows some facts about Netaji. The fax message received from Mr. Kapasi, which contains his contact address, is enclosed. This may please be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission for further appropriate action.

With regards,

(Manju)

First Secretary(Political)

This is important.
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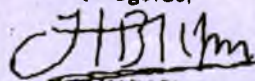
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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From :

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

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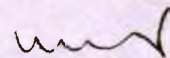
The Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 05.02.2004 and if need be, on 06.02.2004 as well, starting at 11.00 AM (on both the days) at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine / further examine the witnesses as named below :-

1. Shri Sugata Bose
2. Shri Swadhin Sanyal
3. Smt. Jayantee Bhattacharya
4. Shri Rishi Ranjan Chakraborty
5. Shri Pabitra Kumar Ghosh

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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January 14, 2004

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India,
33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal;
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol X
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO section

Subject: Mass memorandum received by MHA from Netaji Probe & Research Foundation (NPRF) seeking intervention on issue of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into facts and circumstances relating to disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

MHA may kindly refer to their U.O. note no. III/11014/3/2003-NCB dated 3.12.2003 on the above noted subject. / Smw. 19
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2. The Ministry of External Affairs has rendered all possible assistance to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry [JMCI] and has been in constant touch with the Commission on various issues, including obtaining of relevant information from various foreign governments through the respective Indian Missions. The enclosed note contains a summary of the action taken and efforts made by the MEA in the pursuance of various matters referred to it by the JMCI in the past few years.

3. It may also be mentioned that the External Affairs Minister (EAM) had written to the Home Minister in October 2003, apprising him of the status of the matter and updating him of the efforts made by the MEA in providing the requisite information to the JMCI.

Rgnanashyam
[Ruchi Ghanashyam]
Director [CNV]

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Rakesh, Joint Secretary (IS)), North Block, New Delhi

MEA U.O. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol X dated January 20, 2003

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**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY
MEA TO JMCI**

- High Commission of India in London was requested in October 2002 to approach British authorities, following JMCI's request for assistance in accessing certain classified documents pertaining to Netaji that were likely to be available with the British Government.
- The Commission had requested MEA to approach the governments of UK, USA, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Ireland, Russia and all the member states of the erstwhile USSR, to make available all relevant documents in the possession/under the control of these governments, and/or in various archives of those countries. All Indian Missions in these countries were requested to seek the respective host government's assistance in this regard. The Missions were also requested to procure lists of archives in their respective jurisdictions so that these could be provided to the JMCI. All responses received by the Missions from the host governments have been periodically forwarded to the JMCI.
- Indian Embassy in Moscow forwarded a response from the Russian Foreign Office, indicating that their archives did not have any material on the fate of Netaji. This was conveyed to JMCI accordingly.
- JMCI sought MEA's assistance in facilitating a visit to Taiwan to examine records pertaining to Netaji that might be available there. After detailed enquiry, MEA informed the Commission that
 - (a) No records of the 1945 period are available with the airport authorities;
 - (b) The Nam Mong Military Hospital no longer existed;
 - (c) The erstwhile Municipal Crematorium no longer existed nor were any records traceable;
 - (d) The Taiwanese authorities were not aware about any Bureau of Health & Hygiene and
 - (e) Holitu Military Hospital, currently known as the National force Beitou Military Hospital, has no records older than 1992.

- JMCI had requested for MEA's assistance in locating/accessing certain documents relating to Netaji in the USA. Archival material obtained by E/I, Washington from the MacArthur Memorial Library and the Truman Library in the United States have been forwarded to the JMCI.
- MEA facilitated JMCI's visit to Japan in September 2002
- Indian Mission in Tokyo arranged the JMCI team's visit to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where it is believed Netaji's ashes are kept.
- On the directions of the JMCI, Embassy of India, Tokyo immediately took steps to obtain expert advice to ascertain whether the ashes contained material that can be used for DNA testing.
- The Embassy located a Japanese expert- Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo, who agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA.
- MEA conveyed the particulars of the Japanese expert identified by our Mission in Tokyo, to the JMCI.
- In deference to the observations made by Smt. Krishna Bose, MP and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs, the Indian Mission in Tokyo sought MEA's advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and as to whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project.
- These issues were conveyed to MHA and advise sought.
- MHA, in response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert.
- Since the JMCI process fell under the purview of MHA and the role of the MEA was limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.

- MHA thereafter clarified that the 'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission'.
- Foreign Secretary personally wrote to Smt. Krishna Bose in August 2003, apprising her of the status of the case.
- The JMCI approached this Ministry through the MHA in September 2003, seeking to publish a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of the inquiry.
- Our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam were requested to facilitate this request.
- The JMCI Notice was published in all the leading dailies in these countries.
- Feedback received from a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) following the publication of the Notice has been forwarded to the MHA and the JMCI.

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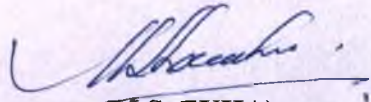
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Ministry of Home Affairs
NCB Section

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Please find enclosed a copy of letter dated 6.11.03 from Shri Debabrata Biswas, MP, Rajya Sabha enclosing a Mass memorandum regarding the progress of Inquiry being undertaken by JMCI.

It is requested that comments of MEA may please be furnished to this Ministry so that a suitable reply is sent to the Hon'ble M.P.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary
(AMS&CNV), South Block, New Delhi
MHA U.O.No.III/11014/3/2003-NCB

dated 3.12..2003.

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6th November 2003
Date.....

To
Shri. L.K. Advani,
Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Shri. Advani ji,

I am enclosing herewith a Mass memorandum on behalf of Netaji Probe & Research Foundation seeking your immediate intervention on the issue of Justice Mukherjee Commission currently probing about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I shall be glad if you kindly expedite the matter and take necessary steps to redress the grievances.

Thanking you,
Sincerely yours,

(DEBABRATA BISWAS)
Secretary General
Netaji Probe & Research Foundation.

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MEMORANDUM

3rd November 2003

To
The Hon'ble Shri. Lal Krishna Advani,
Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
appointed by the government of India to enquire into the alleged
disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in August, 1945.

We are deeply appreciative of your decision taken in May, 1999 to appoint the above named Commission of Inquiry in response to consistent public demand over years and other various factors for the truth about what actually happened to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after August, 1945. We had also noted with great pleasure that you had assured that your government would extend full help and cooperation to the said Commission by passing on all information and documents which it has in its possession on the subject and also make best efforts to secure such information and documents which governments of other countries have on this matter.

We are constrained to find that for the last four years since the said Commission was appointed, various Ministries and /or offices of the government like Ministries of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Defence, P.M.O. have not been acting in the spirit of the assurance given by yourself. This is evident from the status reports issued periodically by Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. The said Commission has been regularly sending reminders to different Ministries/offices of the GOI its requirements of relevant files/documents on the relevant subject, which are in GOI's possession as also those requisitioned by affidavits filed different deponents before the Commission from time to time. The usual response to such requisitions of the different Ministries/offices of the GOI, which are invariably delayed, are (i) efforts were still being made to trace such files/documents or (ii) they were not traceable or appear to have been destroyed/lost without supporting evidence or (iii) files sent after long delay were not complete in all respect. Moreover, the Home Ministry of the GOI has decided to withhold a few files from the Commission on the ground that they still consider as top secret and classified as

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"Disclosure of information contained in those files will affect relations with some friendly countries". Furthermore, the Ministry of External Affairs of the GOI is not making sincere efforts to help the Commission to obtain relevant files/information on the subject from various foreign governments like U.K., U.S.A., Russian Federation, Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, etc. For instance, the Commission has been informed that the U.K government would not make certain files having relevance to the subject before 2020.

We strongly felt that the people of India have the right to know what actually happened to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after August, 1945 irrespective of the fact that disclosure of truth in the matter would affect "relations with some friendly countries" or involve some Indian personalities who might have caused some harm to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose during any period after August, 1945.

We, therefore, earnestly request for personal intervention of your high office in the matter particularly in respect of the following:-

- (a) Disclosure of all information on the subject in the possession of the GOI including information contained in the "classified files" without any further delay.
- (b) Serious efforts on the part of the Ministry of External Affairs of the GOI to obtain all information/files, which are in the possession of foreign governments including files still considered as "classified" at the earliest possible time.
- (c) Immediate response to all requests/requisitions of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in respect of various matters connected with its work to ensure that the said Commission may issue its report within a reasonable time.

We sincerely trust that our appeal to you will not go in vain.

Yours faithfully,

Debabrata Dasgupta
M.P.

(DR. G. V. K. KAISHANAN RTI)

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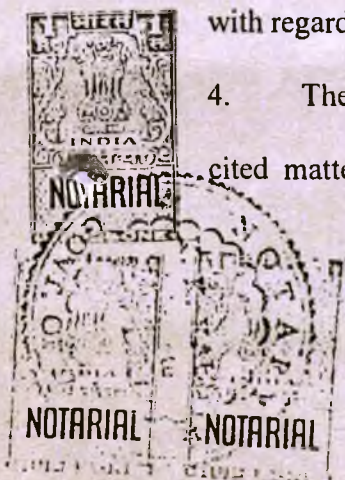
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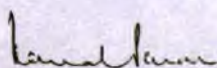
**SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT TO THE AFFIDAVIT DATED 13.11.2000
FILED BY UNION HOME SECRETARY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
DIRECTIONS OF JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY VIDE THEIR ORDER DATED 25.1.2001.**

AFFIDAVIT

I, Kamal Pande s/o late Dr. Purushottam Pande, Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:-

1. The Hon'ble Commission, vide its order dated 25.1.2001, has inter-alia directed the Ministry of Home Affairs to file a supplementary affidavit regarding the claim of privilege, before the Commission for the following files pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose:-
 - i) Posthumous announcement of award of 'Bharat Ratna' to Netaji (File No.I/27/91-Public).
 - ii) Bringing the ashes of Netaji kept in Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, in Japan to India (File No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III).
2. I, as the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Ministry of Home Affairs, am the Head of the Department and I am as such in control of and in charge of its records. I am filing the present supplementary affidavit in my capacity as the Head of the Department.
3. In respect of the file listed at para 1(i) above, privilege is being claimed under Sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act and Article 74(2) of the Constitution of India, with regard to the documents listed in Annexure-I.
4. The records ordered to be produced by this Hon'ble Commission in the above-cited matter are unpublished official records relating to affairs of State, and contain




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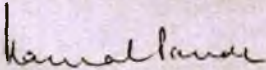
communications made to public officers in official confidence. The disclosure of the records would cause injury to the public interest. As such, they are protected by Sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act. The disclosure of the records would also be violative of the mandatory provisions of Article 74(2) of the Constitution inasmuch as the records contain advice tendered by the Ministers to the President. I also submit that the records ordered to be produced also belong to the class of documents which it is the practice to keep secret for ensuring the proper functioning of the public service. The records include notes and minutes by Officers and Ministers on file.

5. I have carefully examined the documents at Annexure-I and I am bonafide satisfied that the disclosure of the documents would cause injury to the public interest and the public interest would suffer thereby.

6. In the circumstances, I withhold permission to produce the said records or to disclose their contents or to give any evidence derived therefrom, and claim privilege under Sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act and Article 74(2) of the Constitution.

7. Privilege is being claimed under sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act with regard to the documents listed in Annexures-II, III, IV, V and VI contained in the file mentioned at para 1(ii) above.

8. The records ordered to be produced by the Hon'ble Commission in the above-cited matter are unpublished official records relating to affairs of State, and contain communications made to public officers in official confidence. The disclosure of the records would cause injury to the public interest. As such, they are protected by Sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act. I also submit that the records ordered to be produced also belong to the class of documents which it is the practice to keep secret for ensuring the proper functioning of the public services. The records include notes, minutes by


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Officers and Ministers on files and notes for the Committee of Secretaries/Cabinet, all of which are classified as 'Secret' or 'Top Secret'.

9. I have carefully examined the documents contained in Annexures-II, III, IV, V & VI and I am bonafide satisfied that the disclosure of the documents would cause injury to the public interest and the public interest would suffer thereby. I believe that disclosure of the nature and the contents of these documents would also hurt the sentiments of the people at large and may evoke wide-spread reactions as these documents if disclosed may lower the image of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Diplomatic relations with friendly countries may also be adversely affected if the said documents are disclosed.

10. In the circumstances, I withhold permission to produce the said records or to disclose their contents or to give any evidence derived therefrom, and claim privilege under Sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act.

11. However, I submit that I have no objection to the records in respect of which privilege has been claimed being produced for perusal by the Hon'ble Commission for satisfying itself about the bonafides and genuineness of the plea of privilege.



VERIFICATION

I, Kamal Pande, s/o late Dr. Purushottam Pande, declare and affirm that the statement above is true to my knowledge. No part of this Affidavit is false and nothing material has been concealed.

Verified at New Delhi on

Kamal Pande
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DEPONENT
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Home Secretary
Government of India
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ATTESTED
Kamal Pande
NOTARY PUBLIC
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27 APR 2001

I have signed, for the presence of
Kamal Pande, s/o late Dr. Purushottam Pande
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Annexure-I

Documents originating from Public Section, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sl.No/ Page No.	File No.	Details of the documents
1. <u>2/n</u>	No.I/27/91-Pub.	Minutes of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, on the relevant file, classified as Secret, regarding the said Award- privilege claimed under Article 74(2) of the Constitution.
2. <u>1-5/n</u>	No.I/27/91-Pub.	Notes on the relevant file, classified as Secret, by senior officers of the Government of India including the Home Secretary and the Cabinet Secretary, regarding the said Award- privilege claimed under Sections 123 and 124 of the Evidence Act.

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Documents originating from Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sl.No/ Page No.	File No.	Details of the documents.
1. <u>7/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DIB UO No.IV/6(395)/93-2026 dated 19.11.1993 regarding controversy over Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.
2. <u>91/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter of even number dated 18.3.1994 from Shri V.K. Jain, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to Foreign Secretary regarding Articles published in Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' in Moscow in September-October, 1993.
3. <u>92/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter of even number dated 18.3.1994 from Shri V.K. Jain, Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to Secretary (R&AW), Cabinet Secretariat regarding disclosures made in a series of Articles based on classified KGB records.
4. <u>99/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III) dated 20.4.1994 from Shri N.N. Vohra, Home Secretary to Shri K. Srinivasan, Foreign Secretary relating to the publication of Articles in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' concerning Netaji.
5. <u>102/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Note for COS dated 16.5.1994 regarding controversy about Netaji's death.
6. <u>187/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Note for the Cabinet on File No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III) dated 2.2.1995 regarding proposal to bring the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Japan to India.
7. <u>226/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter No.I/12014/27/93-IS (D.III) dated 31.3.1995 from Shri K. Padmanabhaiah, Home Secretary to Foreign Secretary regarding the question of bringing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Japan to India.
8. <u>270/c</u> <u>Vol.II</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	UO Note No.I/12014/27/93-IS (D.III) dated 19.1.1996 from Shri S. Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to Prime Minister's Office regarding mitochondrial DNA analysis of the ashes presumed to be of Netaji.

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9. <u>1-81/n</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Notes of Ministry of Home Affairs containing pages 1 to 81 on controversy regarding Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.
10. <u>7-18/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Draft note for Cabinet on bringing the mortal remains of Netaji back to India.

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Documents originating from Cabinet Secretariat

Sl.No./ Page No.	File No.	Details of the documents.
1. <u>141</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Cabinet Secretariat UO No.67/3/1/94-TS dated 7.6.1994 regarding Note for COS on controversy about Netaji's death.
2. <u>143</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Cabinet Secretariat Memo No.50/4/1/94-TS dated 30.6.1994 regarding notice for the meeting to be taken by Cabinet Secretary on 4.7.1994 to discuss the COS paper regarding controversy about Netaji's death.
3. <u>144</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Cabinet Secretariat Memo No.50/4/1/94-TS dated 8.7.1994 regarding Cabinet Secretary taking a meeting on 11.7.1994 to consider inter alia the Cabinet Note on controversy about Netaji's death.
4. <u>145</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Cabinet Secretariat Memo No.89/2/1/94-TS dated 18.7.1994 regarding a meeting of the Core Group to be held on 20.7.1994 to consider a COS Note on controversy about Netaji's death.
5. <u>155</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Cabinet Secretariat's note No.89/2/1/94-TS dated 22.7.1994- record note of discussions of the meeting held on 20.7.1994- controversy about Netaji's death.
6. <u>217</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter No.67/3/1/95-Cab dated 14 th February, 1995 regarding arrangement in Japan and draw a contingency plan for proper upkeep of the mortal remains and that our Ambassador be specifically requested to look into these aspects.
7. <u>272</u> <u>Vol.II</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO Letter No.67/3/1/95-Cab.dated July 2, 1996 from Shri D. Dasgupta, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat regarding directions of the Cabinet on the question of bringing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Japan to India.
8. <u>287</u> <u>Vol.II</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter No.67/3/1/95-Cab. Dated 31 st January, 1997 regarding the question of bringing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Japan to India.
9. <u>288</u> <u>Vol.II</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter No.67/3/1/95-Cab. Dated 3 rd July, 1997 regarding directions of the Cabinet on the question of bringing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Japan to India.

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Annexure-IV

Document originating from Cabinet Secretariat (R&AW)

Sl. No/ Page No.	File No.	Details of documents
1. <u>95/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	Cabinet Secretariat (R&AW)'s UO No.II/1/94-IC-2829 dated 25.3.1994 regarding articles published in 'Asia and Africa Today' on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose- summary of two Articles published in the September-October, 1993 issues.

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Documents for which PMO has claimed privilege
vide their affidavit dated 29.11.2000

Sl. No/ Page No.	File No.	Details of the documents
1. <u>100/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	UO No.I/12014/27/93-IS D.III dated 20.4.1994 from Shri N.N. Vohra, Home Secretary to Shri A.N. Varma, Principal Secretary to PM-controversy regarding Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.
2. <u>157/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	UO No.I/12014/27/93-IS D.III dated 9.8.1994 from Shri K. Padmanabhaiah, Home Secretary to Shri A.N. Varma, Principal Secretary to PM on controversy regarding Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.
3. <u>240-</u> <u>241/c</u> <u>Vol-II</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO No.I/12014/27/93-ISD.III dated Nil from Shri S.B. Chavan, Home Minister to Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister regarding mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be brought from Tokyo to India.

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Annexure-VI

Documents originating from Ministry of External Affairs.

Sl.No./ Page No.	File No.	Details of the documents.
1. <u>10-24/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	MEA UO No.C/551/12/93-JP dated 23.11.1993- a detailed note incorporating the views of Ministry of External Affairs on controversy regarding Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.
2. <u>33-45/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	MEA UO No.C/551/12/93-JP dated 2.12.1993 regarding Article No.9/93 published in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on whom Subhas Chandra Bose fought against during second world war years'.
3. <u>48-74/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	MEA UO No.C/551/12/93-JP dated 23.12.1993 enclosing Article No.8/93 which appeared in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on 'The Secret behind the death of Subhas Chandra Bose'.
4. <u>77-90/c</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	MEA UO No.6/551/12/93-JP dated 20.1.1994 enclosing a copy of Article No.10/93 published in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on 'against whom Subhas Chandra Bose fought during world war II'.
5. <u>243/c</u> <u>Vol.II</u>	No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III)	DO letter No.25/4/NGO(PT) dated 19.6.1995 from Foreign Secretary to Home Secretary regarding the remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Home Secretary
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Director (CNV)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

January 16, 2004

Dear *Vijay,*

I am writing to you in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), which you are aware is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. The JMCI have addressed a letter directly to the **'Mayor of the Taipei City Government'** with a copy endorsed to this Ministry, seeking documents for the purpose of the inquiry. I am enclosing for your information, a copy of this letter alongwith copies of other related communications received from the JMCI.

3. We had earlier pointed out to the JMCI that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan should be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'. We have now again reiterated this advice to the JMCI in the context of their present letter under reference. We have underlined that the JMCI should not send such communications directly to the Taiwanese "Government" authorities.

4. It has been decided in consultation with JS (EA), to seek the assistance of your office for obtaining the requisite documents identified by the JMCI. We would appreciate your early feedback on the progress of your efforts in this regard, so that the JMCI can be kept informed accordingly.

*With warm regards and best wishes
for the new year,*

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director General
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Kolkata, dated, 6th January'04.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
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Madam,

Sno. 135 (rel)

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 12.11.03 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission and to state that the relevant ministries/offices of the Government of India are kept informed of the hearings of the Commission since various matters which might be pending with them are likely to be discussed at the time of the hearings of the Commission on the basis of the Status Reports prepared and distributed for discussion thereon during such hearings.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

January 15, 2004

Dear Sir,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has drawn Ministry's attention to the following issues for assistance and follow-up:-

[a] A news item published in the Hindustan Times, Kolkata dated January 05, 2004 (Copy enclosed), which refers to '**secret files from Churchill's private office papers, released by the National Archives in London**'.

[b] An Official paper-bearing No.5190 (Copy enclosed), which is an **extract from a Note of Discussion between Lord Wavell, Secretary of State and R. Arthur Henderson held on 27 August 1945**. This note was obtained by the JMCI during its visit to London.

2. With regard to [a] above, the JMCI have requested for assistance in ascertaining from the National Archives in London as to whether the said files/papers reportedly released contain any material relating to Netaji or the INA.

3. With regard to [b] above, the JMCI have sought to know the result of the inquiry initiated by the Viceroy, as mentioned in the document no. 5190.

4. The JMCI have also reminded us about its earlier pending request for obtaining names, postal addresses, e-mail addresses, facsimile numbers etc. of the National Forensic Service Laboratories (NFSL) in the UK. This information is still awaited. The Mission's last response in the matter (Counsellor (Political)'s letter no. LON/POL/103/17/00 dated June 17, 2003) did not include this information sought by the JMCI.

4. We would appreciate your expeditious reply on all the above issues to enable us to inform the JMCI accordingly.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Satyabrata Pal,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
London

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EXTRACT FROM NOTE OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN LORD WAVELL, THE
SECRETARY OF STATE AND ARTHUR HENDERSON ON 27TH AUGUST.

III. Subhas Bose

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Edwina spilled this one to Nehru

Agencies
London, January 4

A FEW words whispered to Jawaharlal Nehru by Lady Edwina Mountbatten at a Buckingham Palace reception almost cost her husband his career and earned her a searing rebuke from Winston Churchill.

Secret files from Churchill's private office papers, released at the National Archives in London on Saturday, show the British Prime Minister had cautioned Lord Mountbatten that Edwina's "behaviour was doing his career no good in political and naval circles". Churchill also tried to ban her from an official visit to Turkey amid fears she would commit a diplomatic blunder.

The files also revealed that Mountbatten, a cousin of the Queen and former Viceroy of India, was helpless in the face of his hyperactive and ambitious wife's behaviour. The papers noted that Lord Mountbatten recognised that she was "far beyond his control".



Edwina Mountbatten



Jawaharlal Nehru



Winston Churchill

Government concerns came to a head after a Coronation reception at the Palace during which Lady Mountbatten told Nehru, then India's Prime Minister and her close friend, that Britain was responsible for atrocities in Kenya. A "blazing row" ensued in which Lady Mountbatten appealed to James Thomas, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to "save her husband's career".

Thomas told Churchill that he intended to use the row "as a peg for telling her a lot of things about herself. I hope very much we can get the lady to behave herself as

she does so much of her work extremely well".

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/375.

Kolkata, dated, 26th December '03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
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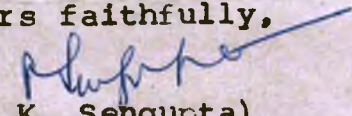
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An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Enclosure: As stated.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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EXTRACT FROM NOTE OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN LORD WAVELL, THE
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III. Subhas Bose

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an enquiry to ascertain whether it were true that

Subhas Bose had been killed in an air accident.

All the indications
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No. JMCI/Doc-64(VI)/2004/393.

Kolkata, dated, 8th January 2004.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
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Enclo: As stated above.

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(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Monday, January 5, 2004
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London, January 4

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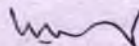
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X

January 13, 2004

Dear *Shri Sengupta,*

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Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83 (iii)/264 dated September 15, 2003 and JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83 /201 dated August 13, 2003 and JMCI/EO/2002-2003/87/520 dated January 27, 2003 requesting for obtaining names, postal addresses, e-mail addresses, facsimile numbers etc. of the National Forensic Service Laboratories (NFSL) in the UK.

2. It may be mentioned that the last response obtained by our Mission in London from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London Mission was forwarded to your office vide my predecessor's letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX(ii) dated July 15, 2003. However this did not include the specific information relating to the contact addresses of NFSL in the UK. We have again written to our Mission in London to obtain the requisite information urgently.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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No. JMCI EO/2002-2003/83(111)/264

Kolkata, dated **Sept '15, '03**

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

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To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commissioner's registered letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/201 dt. 13.08.2003 and to say that reply thereto is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Secretary

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the third para of your d.o.
letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(II) dated 15.07.03 addressed to
the Secretary of the Commission and to send herewith XEROX
copies of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/87/520
dated 27.01.03 and the enclosures thereto, for favour of
taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo ; As stated above.

(M. Roy)
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No. JMCII/EO/2002-03/83/520.

Kolkata, dated, 27.01.2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
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South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the communication dated January 22, 2003 made by the Commission with Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, UK and his reply dated January 22, 2003 thereto, both sent by e-Mail and to request you to kindly obtain names, addresses, e-Mail addresses, Fax Nos. etc. of the National Forensic Service Laboratories in UK through the Indian High Commission in UK and send those to the Commission immediately.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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From: Alec Jeffreys <ajj@leicester.ac.uk>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 3:21 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains

Dear Mr Sengupta

thank you for your enquiry concerning the very important case of Chandra Bose. I am afraid that I cannot be of assistance in this matter - my laboratory has not been involved directly in forensic DNA analysis for 10 years and we are neither equipped nor accredited for this type of investigation. Instead, I would strongly recommend that you contact one of the national forensic service laboratories, for example the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, who are fully tooled up to perform the complex analysis required in this case. It might also be worth exploring options in India - one obvious contact would be Dr Lalji Singh, director of the CCMT in Hyderabad.

Finally, I would note that DNA typing would be impossible on ashes, and may well prove impossible on the additional bone samples if they have been subjected to high temperatures. Even if they have not been heated, success is still not guaranteed. In this type of analysis, one has to be pragmatic, seeing whether any human DNA can be recovered - if no DNA is recoverable, then typing cannot be performed.

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to be of assistance.

Regards

Alec Jeffreys

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--On Wednesday, January 22, 2003 2:51 pm +0530 JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in> wrote:

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> To

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essor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys

Department of Genetics,

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University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH,

United Kingdom

Sir,

> This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry
> into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Though some
> people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August
> 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After
> his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku
> and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The
> points of inquiry before this Commission include, inter-alia, the
> following :-

> ? Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash,

> 2. Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are
> ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

> A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of
> Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket, which is lying
> in the Renkoji Temple in Japan, appears to contain;

> ? Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;

> ? Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;

> ? A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other
> bone fragments;

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? A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;

? More bone fragments;

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> For a thorough and scientific probe into the points of inquiry, the
> Commission wants to get DNA tests done on the mortal remains in the
> casket kept in the Renkoji Temple in order to establish the identity of
> the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. Now the question is
> whether DNA tests can be conducted on the said mortal remains for the
> purpose indicated above if blood samples are made available from both
> paternal and maternal lineages of Subhas Chandra Bose. In other words,
> the Commission wants to know about the feasibility of DNA tests on the
> mortal remains for the purpose of establishing the identity of deceased.
> Dr. Svante Paabo of the Max-Planck-Institut fur evolutionare
> Anthropologie of Leipzig, Germany, was approached by the Commission with
> a request to let the Commission know whether it was feasible to conduct
> DNA tests on the mortal remains in the casket in the Renkoji Temple for
> establishing the identity of the deceased. He referred us to you and
> furnished us with your email address.

> I am, therefore, to request you to kindly let the Commission know whether
> it is feasible to conduct DNA test on the aforesaid mortal remains for
> establishing the identity of the deceased, assuming that blood samples
> from his closed relatives both on the paternal side and the material side
> will be available.

> If it is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be
> followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA tests payable by the
> Commission.

> An early reply will be highly appreciated.

> With regards,

> Sincerely yours.

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(II)

Dated July 15, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the correspondence regarding release of classified documents in the UK relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the examination of the Commission.

As the Commission is aware, the matter had been taken up with the British Government for reconsideration. In this connection, the reply of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed.

Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/87/520 dated 27.01.2003 which was forwarded as enclosure 15 to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.04.2003 regarding DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Incidentally, we had not received your original letter dated 27.1.03.

The requisite information relating to the National Forensic Service Laboratories in the UK, as received from our Mission in London, is forwarded herewith.

With reference to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/131 dated 18.6.2003 regarding the documents referred to in Shri Nandalal Chakraborty's letter dated 1.11.2002, the position has been elucidated in my letter of 27th June, 2003. The updated position in respect of documents from the UK has already been indicated above.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

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Dear Vijay.

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This is in response to your letter NO.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX of April 29, 2003 regarding release of classified documents for the examination of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

As you are aware, I had written to the FCO urging them to reconsider the decision regarding release of British intelligence records.

I have now received the enclosed letter from the FCO which speaks for itself.

We may convey to JHC.

Warm regards.

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JS (CNV)

Yours sincerely,

 (Vikas Swarup)

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Shri Vijay Gokhale,
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Encl: as above.

22 May 2003

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Dear Vikas

Thank you for your letter dated 30 April about official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry that this was overlooked whilst I was in India.

I have again made enquiries of our Records and Historical Department (RHD) and they confirm that our position remains unchanged as set out in Iain Lindsay's letter of 14 December 2001 to Mr Puri. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

I am sorry that I am not able to say anything more helpful on this.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Thomson
Head of India Section
South Asia Department



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

January 13, 2004

Dear *Shri Mahalingam*,

This is further to my letter of November 12, 2003 and your letter no. KUA/P/163/01/03 dated 10 September 2003 forwarding therewith the response received from the National Archives of Malaysia regarding details of archives required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The JMCI have requested for the matter to be pursued with the National Archives of Malaysia again. Please ascertain whether the National Archives have been able to find anything new in their research efforts, since the communication of their last findings to us in August.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri V. Mahalingam
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High Commission of India,
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Kolkata, dated, 29th December '03.

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Sir,

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letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/323 dated
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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Pl. ex. reasons
for delay in
replying.

Rg
24/1/04

Sol (xao)

Spoken. We had written to HCL,
Kuala Lumpur on 12 Nov 2003.
Reply is awaited. Reminder is
put up for signature
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D. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/323.

Kolkata, dated, 6.11.03.

From : Shri M. Roy IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

I am directed to draw your attention to 2nd para of the enclosure dated 30.8.03 to your D.O. letter bearing No. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 12.9.03 wherein it is iterated inter alia " should we chance upon any information on him (Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) in future, we will certainly write to you again." I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly pursue the matter with the National Archives of Malaysia closely and keep the Commission informed of the outcome in time.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty



KUA/P/163/01/03

भारत का उच्चायोग
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

10 September, 2003

Dear Joint Secretary,

This has reference to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 13 May 2003 addressed to the High Commissioner regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

After our repeated reminders and follow-up, we have been informed by the National Archives of Malayasia that they did not find any document/information on Netaji's Subhash Chandra Bose. They would inform if they could locate any information on him in future. A copy of the letter received in this regard is forwarded herewith for information.

With regards,

V. Mahalingam
(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

✓ Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Pls. refer to Fax copy (Suo. 81).
Action already taken.
JMC informed vide
our letter dt 12-9-03
(Suo. 82) Pls. file.

N Apls.

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30 August 2003

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Mr. V. Mahalingam
First Secretary
High Commission of India
No.2, Jalan Taman Duta
Off Jalan Duta
50480 KUALA LUMPUR.

Dear Sir,

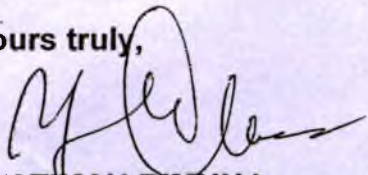
Information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

I am directed to refer to your letter of 7 July 2003 regarding the above.

2. We did some research following your request on the above subject, unfortunately we did not found any document/information on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Should we chance upon any information on him in the future, we will certainly write to you again.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours truly,



(YATIMAH RIMUN)
for Director General
National Archives of Malaysia.

YR/ks



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

November 12, 2003

Dear *Shri Mahalingam*,

Please refer to your letter no. KUA/P/163/01/03, dated 10 September 2003 forwarding therewith the response received from the National Archives of Malaysia regarding details of archives required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We have received another communication from the JMCI drawing attention to the remarks of the Director General, National Archives of Malaysia (contained in his letter dated 30th August 2003) indicating that ***'they will write again should they chance upon any information on Netaji in the future'***. The JMCI have requested that the matter be pursued with the Malaysian agency again.

3. We would appreciate if you could ascertain whether the National Archives have been able to find anything new in their research efforts, since the communication of their last findings to us in August.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri V. Mahalingam,
First Secretary (PIE),
High Commission of India,
Kuala Lumpur

Recd on 13/11/03



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X

January 12, 2004

Dear Dr. Paul,

(Suo 72 vol X) Suo 138 (vol X)

Please refer to my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated November 12, 2003 and my predecessor Shri Vijay Gokhale's letter no.25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated 22 April 2003- forwarding therewith a list of names of individuals for ascertaining their availability to appear as witnesses for examination by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). [JMCI's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/301 dated October 29, 2003 a copy of which was also forwarded to you, also refers in this connection].

2. You had informed us that the Mission had sent communications in writing to all the listed witnesses. The response of Dr. Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies, forwarded by you was passed on to the JMCI. The JMCI have now, yet again, sought to know the status of responses received from the other listed witnesses. We would request you to look into this and update us on the feedback received from the other prospective Russian witnesses identified by the JMCI.

3. Kindly also let us know the status of other related pending issues highlighted in Shri Vijay Gokhale's aforementioned letter dated 22 April 2003 - including JMCI's request for complete list of the archives of the Russian Federation and for approaching the Government of Russia for obtaining access for the Commission to the KGB archives.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Dr. V.K.Paul
First Secretary (Political)
Embassy of India
Moscow

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/374.

Kolkata, dated, 26th December '03.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/331 dated 12.11.03 and to state that the information/report as sought for therein are yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Pl. ex. Rg 22/1/04

SO (N/60)

*Spoken. We had intimate position
to JMCI on 13/1/03 on receipt of part
of the info. from E/2 Moscow.*

*Reminded to E/2 Moscow to
put up for signature M.*

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(V)/331.

Kolkata, dated, 12.11.03.

From : Shri M.Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Sw. 119 -

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated 13.10.2003 of the Director (CNV), M.E.A., Govt. of India addressed to the Secretary of the Commission which is in reply to the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/270 dated 23.9.2003 and to request you to kindly let the Commission know immediately the present position of the other pending matters mentioned in the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO- Vol.(IX) dated 27.06.2003 of the Ministry as also to send a complete list of all the archives of the Russian Federation.

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Pl. check status.

Yours faithfully,

Rg
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(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Submission.

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file is received back.

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G.H.



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

October 13, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70/Vol-II/621, dated 1st April, 2003 forwarding therewith a list of witnesses in Russia to ascertain they will be available for examination by the JMCI.

2. Our Mission in Moscow had sent communications in writing to all the listed witnesses. A response received by the Mission from Dr. R.B.Rybakov, Director of Institute of Oriental Studies is forwarded in original, alongwith the English translation.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

To,

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
B'Block (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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R. Ghanashyam



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 22, 2003

Dear Venkatesh,

I am forwarding herewith a letter received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry with the request that it may be delivered to the addressee.

The Commission has also sent us a list of witnesses in Russia submitted by Dr. Purabi Roy in an affidavit before the Commission (copy enclosed). The Commission desires that these witnesses may be approached to ascertain whether they would be available for examination by the Commission and, if so, the dates, hours and places when and where they would like to be examined as witnesses.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
Counsellor(Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow

Encl: As above

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70
(Vol.II)/621.

Kolkata, dated, 1st April '03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith two letters addressed to Prof. E.N. Komorov of Moscow, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University, each accompanied by a copy of the Notification bearing No. Notfn. No./010/99/JMCI dated 3rd December, 1999 issued by the Commission, with a request to cause delivery of the said two letters with their enclosure to the respective addressees, by the Indian Embassy in Russia.

I am also directed to send herewith relevant extract of the Supplementary affidavit dated March 20, 2003 filed before the Commission by Dr. Purabi Roy and to request you to kindly approach the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the Archives of the K.G.B. (F.S.B.), Federal Security Bureau, in view of the assertion made by Dr. Purabi Roy in her said Supplementary affidavit (vide relevant extract thereof enclosed).

I am further directed to send herewith a list of witnesses in Russia cited by Dr. Purabi Roy in her original affidavit dated June 8, 2000 and to request you to kindly cause verification through the Indian Embassy in Russian Union as to whether those cited Russian Witnesses will be available for their examination by the Commission and if so, to kindly ascertain and intimate to the Commission the convenience of the said persons as to the dates, hours and places when and where they like to be examined as witnesses.

Enclo. As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Extract of original affidavit dated 08.06.2000 furnished by Dr. Purabi Roy, Deponent.

The following personalities were interviewed during May-June, 1995.

A. From the Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow, Russian Academy of Sciences.

- (i) Dr. R.B. Rybakov, Director, suggested to consult with Pikhoi, the head of the Archival documentation section, R.A.S.
- (ii) A.A. Kutsenkov Head, Indian Department, suggested that it is necessary to go through the papers of the K.G.B. archives.
- (iii) A.A. Kirichenko Head of the International Section Claimed that he is rest assured that some documents related to Netaji are lying in the K.G.B. Cell.
- (iv) V.I. Kluev, Senior Professor, stated that the documents of the Institute of Law, Radio News bulletin, Stalin's personal files and lastly the prison papers of the city Irkutsk are to be consulted. If possible to go through Pronin's book named "India" Moscow 1941.
- (v) V.N. Pastun, Senior Professor, stated that Soviet agent in Afganistan believes if there are so many materials about Subhas in Kabul there ought to be some materials in K.G.B. archives.
- (vi) Head of the archival studies A.A. Kolesnikov claimed that there are primary informations about the subject. The group of scholars who are collecting the Archival documents will reveal the truth.

B. Finance Academy, Moscow, Russia

U.L. Kuznets-Former Soviet agent served in Afganistan as 'Pravda' correspondent, Recently in 1992 with the assistance of Garbachev Fund published a booklet "Marauders appears from the Games" where a chapter deals with Bhagat Ram and Netaji.

C. Institute of International Relations (Academy of Diplomats)

- (i) A.P. Gnachuk-Danielchuk. Prof. of Bengali Language & Lt.-Recently his son submitted M.A. Diploma thesis, the subject was - Subhas Chandra Bose in various newspapers". Prof. Kluev was his oponent who remarked that why the Irkhutsk city prison materials in connection with Subhas were not consulted.

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(ii) Academician G.L. Bondarevsky - Immediate intervention from the government level and requested to arrange a letter from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, requesting Russian Govt. to permit the scholars to go through the documents. Letter should be addressed to the President B. Eltsin.

(iii) E.M. Morosov -

Journalist & former head of the Soviet Information Centre Calcutta & Delhi - Definitely some materials are existing which will help to get a clear view of the British USSR Policy.

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Extract of Supplementary affidavit dated 20.03.2003
furnished by Dr. (Mrs. Purabi Roy), Deponent.

4. That presently I am on an assignment from August, 2002 as a visiting Professor of the Indian Department, Oriental Faculty, St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, Russia. I had occasion to interview Professor E.N. Komorov, Senior Research Professor Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, relating to the presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the USSR after August 1945, who stated that "Let us take it, this way. He was here and he died here." and that the archives of K.G.B.(F.S.B.) Federal Security Bureau can give the answer and that permission of the Government of Russia should be sought for by the Government of India. Similar was the view of Professor Y.V. Pechenko of the Department of Far Eastern Studies, Oriental Faculty St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, Russia.

6. That the list of the witnesses as proposed in the foregoing paragraphs are as follows :-

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103771 Russia,
Russia Tel : (Moscow) 451-97-17
- (ii) Professor Y.V. Pechenko
Department of Far Eastern Studies
Oriental Faculty
St. Petersburg University
St. Petersburg - 199034 Russia,
Res. Tel : 371-42-15
- (iii) Puan Sri Datin Janaki Athi Nahappan
(Janaky Dewar) (Ex Member of Parliament)
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S.K. Makhijani
First Secretary(HOC)

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No.HAN/103/16/2002

December 24, 2003

My dear Director

Suo. 152 / hoc X

Please refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated December 12 regarding the publication of a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Vietnam relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The advertisement was published in the ' Vietnam News' and 'Lao Dong' national dailies in English and Vietnamese language respectively on December 12. Copies of the relevant clippings are enclosed.

After the publication of the advertisement, one Mr. Joseph C. Pereira of Ho Chi Minh City, who is a Singaporean national of Indian origin, contacted our Consulate there, and gave the following information:

"One Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. He wrote a book called "Kojak Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His daughter Mrs. Judith Prakash is presently a high court judge in Singapore."

Mr. Pereira also opined that the family of Gerald De Cruz might have some relevant information. The contact information of Mr. Pereira in HCM City and in Singapore is as follows:

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Mobile: +84-903 667 081
2. J.P. Reynolds
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Pasir RIS St 21,
Singapore-510 226
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Email: jpreynolds@pacific.net.sg

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Copy of a note received from CGI, Ho Chi Minh City containing the above information is enclosed. We will forward to you any further feedback received on the subject.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S.K. Makhijani)

Ms Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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THÔNG BÁO

Ủy ban Điều tra Công lý Mukherjee đã được Chính phủ Ấn Độ thành lập do Ngài Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, nguyên Thẩm phán Tòa án Tối cao Ấn Độ đã nghỉ hưu, làm Chủ tịch với mục đích điều tra về sự thật và những chi tiết liên quan tới việc được cho là mất tích của Ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose vào năm 1945 và những diễn biến xảy ra sau này liên quan đến các vấn đề sau đây:

- a/ Liệu Ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose đã chết hay vẫn còn sống;
- b/ Nếu Ông đã chết, có phải Ông đã chết trong vụ tai nạn máy bay, như đã được viên dẫn;
- c/ Liệu tro hỏa táng trong ngôi đền Nhật Bản là tro hỏa táng từ thi hài của Ông Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- d/ Liệu có phải Ông đã qua đời trong một hoàn cảnh nào khác tại một địa điểm khác nào đó và, nếu vậy, thì tại thời điểm nào và ra sao;
- e/ Nếu Ông còn sống, hiện Ông đang sống ở đâu.

Những tài liệu mà Ủy ban có được cho đến nay có cơ sở để Ủy ban cho rằng bằng chứng liên quan tới mục đích điều tra có thể có được tại Sài Gòn. Nhằm tìm kiếm khả năng thu thập bằng chứng, Ủy ban có thể sẽ sang Sài Gòn.

Mọi cá nhân, tập thể, cơ quan, đoàn thể hay các tổ chức biết hoặc nghe nói tới, trực tiếp hay gián tiếp về sự thật và những chi tiết liên quan đến những vấn đề đã nêu ở trên nhằm giúp cho công việc điều tra của Ủy ban và có sự quan tâm tới quá trình điều tra của Ủy ban hoặc sẵn sàng hợp tác với Ủy ban trong việc điều tra những vấn đề như đã đề cập trên đây xin vui lòng liên hệ với Tổng Lãnh sự quán Ấn Độ tại Thành phố Hồ Chí Minh (Điện thoại: 08.9303539) / Đại Sứ quán Ấn Độ tại Hà Nội (Điện thoại: 04.8244990) hoặc liên hệ trực tiếp tới Ủy ban theo địa chỉ Bưu điện, số Fax và địa chỉ thư điện tử của Ủy ban ghi ở trên.

Đã ký
(P.K.Sengupta)
Thư ký

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NOTICE

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters:

- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

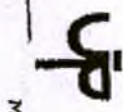
The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of enquiry is likely to be available at HCM city. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit HCM city.

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Address (Care): 196 Bui Vien, Dist 1.
 JOSEPH C. PEREIRA

JUSTICE-MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE 'B' Block, (Third Floor) 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087 Fax: (033) 2252-2765 e-mail: jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in		Phone: 2252-2835 Chairman 2252-2767 Secretary 2252-2765 Special Duty 2252-2766/68 Office
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Ref. above.

Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, a Singaporean national of Indian origin, called on to report that one Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943-45 (i) He wrote a book called "Kojak Rethals" which was published by a Singaporean publisher (i) Mr Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady (i) His son, Mr Simon Tansing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar (i) His daughter, Mrs Subin Prakash, is presently a high court judge in Singapore. Mr. Pereira stated that Mr. J. C. Pereira

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ANNEXURE-III

FEEDBACK RECEIVED BY EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI
AND INDIAN CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH CITY-
AFTER PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN ENGLISH &
VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DAILIES
ON DECEMBER 12, 2003.

One Mr. Joseph C. Pereira of Ho Chi Minh City, who is a Singaporean nation of Indian origin, contacted the Indian Consulate and gave the following information:

"One Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. He wrote a book called "Kojak Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His daughter Mrs. Judith Prakash is presently a High Court judge in Singapore."

Mr. Pereira also opined that the family of Gerald De Cruz might have some relevant information. The contact information of Mr. Pereira in Ho Chi Minh City and in Singapore are as follows:-

1. 196 Bui Vien District1,
Ho Chi Minh City
Mobile: +84-903 667 081
2. Mr. J.P.Reynolds,
13-78 BLK 226,
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Singapore-510 226
Tel : 65- 6582 9143
Mobile : 65-92372567
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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI
January 12, 2004

Dear

This is further to my letters of even number dated December 12 and December 29, 2003 in response to your OM no. I/12014/3/2003-NCB dated December 3, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading English and local languages newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon, as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

2. Copies of newspaper clippings of the Notice that appeared in leading newspapers in **Singapore and Bangkok** have already been forwarded to you vide my aforementioned letters.

3. We have now received a response from our Mission in **Hanoi**. The Notice was published in two dailies in Vietnam viz. the "**Vietnam News**" [English] and "**Lao Dong**" [Vietnamese language] on December 12, 2003. Copies of these newspaper clippings are forwarded herewith for your information and record (Annexure I & II).

4. The feedback received by the Mission following the publication of this notice, from a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) who happened to be in Ho Chi Minh City at that time and saw the notice, is summarized in the enclosed note (Annexure III). Our Mission in Singapore is being separately requested to make enquiries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

Copy for information to :-

1. Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087, alongwith all the above-mentioned enclosures (**Annexure- I to III**).

2. Shri Ravi Bangar, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Singapore, alongwith a copy of **Annexure III**. It is requested that the persons named therein may be contacted informally in a discreet and sensitive manner for obtaining the relevant information. Feedback thereof may please be forwarded to Ministry.

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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No. BAN/POL/103/6/03

Dated 24th December, 2003

From	Ms. Manju, First Secretary (Pol), Indembassy Bangkok. (Tel. No. 00-66 2 2584491 – Fax No. 2584627/2621740)
To	Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director(CNV) Foreign, New Delhi (Fax: 23792285)
Rpt.	Shri R.K. Jha, US(ASEAN), MEA, New Delhi (Fax:23792136)
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Please refer to your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated December 12, 2003 regarding the publication of the Notice by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Notice was published in two leading dailies in Thailand, viz. the Bangkok Post (English) and the Matichon (Thai daily) on November 28, 2003. Copies of both newspaper clippings containing the Notice are enclosed herewith.

This Embassy has not received any response to the Notice.

With regards,

83/258(CNV)

(Manju)

First Secretary(Political)

✓ Copy by leg: Director (CNV), MEA.

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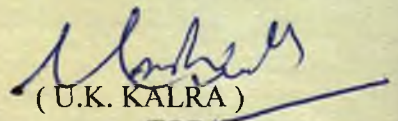
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Subject: Commission's letter No. JMCI/11/2000/295 dated
20.10.03.

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Please find enclosed a copy of letter No. JMCI/11/2000/333
dated 18.11.2003 and its enclosures received from Justice
Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Kolkatta regarding subject
cited above.

As the letter dated 17.1.52 referred therein was addressed to
Sh.Dutt,I.C.S the then Secy, Ministry of External Affairs., it is
requested that a suitable reply indicating its authenticity may be
communicated to the J.M.C.I under intimation to this Ministry.
In case, the document quoted is authentic, authenticated copies
thereof be also send to the Commission and this Ministry.


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S)

✓ Director (CNV)(Ruchi Ghanashyam)Ministry of External
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MHA U.O. No. I-12014/13/2000-IS(D.III)/NCB(Vol.V) dated
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/11/2000/333.

Kolkata, dated, 18th Nov.'03

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Umesh Kalra,
Director,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Re : Commission's letter no. JMCI/11/2000/295
dated 20.10.03.

Sir,

I am directed to draw your attention to the Commission's letter under reference and to request you to kindly send the original letter dated 17.1.1952 of Shri A.M. Sahay and the enclosure thereto addressed to Shri S.Dutt ICS, the then Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, or authenticated copies of the said letter and its annexure to the Commission as soon as possible. I am, further directed to say that in the event of your failure to send the said original letter and its enclosure or their authenticated copies, the Commission may treat the copy of the letter and its enclosure, filed by the deponents and annexed herewith, as bonafide true copies of the originals.

Enclosures: As stated above,

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/11/2000/333(1) dated 18.11.03.

Copy to : The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and favour of taking necessary action.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Mr. Naema

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D. O. No. 13-Cor/52

My dear Shri Dutt

Please refer to your letter No. 758/51-S, dated the 1st November 1951, and reminder of Miss Leelamani Naidu, No 25/4/NGO*, dated the 21st December 1951, about the late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in sending the promised statement. I herewith enclosed it. I hope this will be of some use.

There is one thing extraordinary in the whole show which needs some explanation from the Japanese. So far as my information goes, Netaji was removed to a hospital after the accident and he died there. How is it that the crash took place on the 18th and the announcement regarding his death was made on the previous day? Perhaps Safrani who is working under you as an Under Secretary may be able to say when Netaji left Saigon for Tokyo. However, my statement is the only thing that I could say definitely from my memory.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

(A M Sahay)

Shri S Dutt, ICS
Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

*(Footnote: NGO: An abbreviation for "Not to Go to Office" since the Raj days. All the Top Secret External Affairs Ministry papers till date are marked for NGO)



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Towards the end of 1944, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose visited Tokyo in order to make arrangements for future move of the INA. I proceeded to China to supervise the work of the league (footnote) there and to settle some dispute between the Japanese military authorities and the Indian Independence League in Shanghai. After finishing my work in China, I was to proceed to Tokyo to arrange for the printing of our own currency.

While I was visiting Shanghai in January 1945, Netaji passed that way on his way back from Tokyo. He stayed there for a couple of days. He informed me that the Japanese would no more be able to lend much support to our fight in the future. Japan was being attacked by American Air Force regularly, inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese, making it impossible for them to send their air support to our army in Burma or Manipur.

Netaji said that he could see the end of the war in course of months and he wanted me to try to persuade the Japanese to allow us to establish direct contact with the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo. I was in Tokyo in the beginning of February 1945. I met General Tojo (Footnote) and the Chief of the General Staff and discussed the matter at length. I told them that if we could deal with the Soviet directly, we might be able to help in improving the Russo-Japanese relation that was necessary to strengthen Japan's position. The Japanese, however, were adamant and did not agree.

I returned to Bangkok early in May 1945, via Formosa, where I was detained for a month due to American air activities around the place. On my arrival, I was informed that our Headquarters in Rangoon was vacated and Netaji was on his way to Bangkok with whole staff. He arrived after few days. I informed him that the Japanese did not agree to my proposals regarding meeting the Soviet Ambassador. He said it was necessary to establish contact with the Soviets, if possible. He knew that I had acquainted with a couple of Chinese communists leaders and asked me if I could find some way to contact them. I suggested that the only way was to try through Chungking (Footnote), where, I was certain, there were some Chinese communists working. I suggested that I should move to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, which was near the border of China. Once in Hanoi, I considered it possible to send someone to Chungking to contact some Chinese communist agents through whom we could approach their headquarters in the north.

The plan was to proceed to Manchuria and be there when the end of war comes, so that we may be within Soviet sphere after the surrender of the Japanese. That the Soviet will not remain an ally of England after the war was foreseen and we felt we could receive support and cooperation of the Soviets in our future efforts.

Netaji, agreeing to my proposal, issued orders that Major General Chatterjee and myself proceed to Vietnam to re-organise the Indian Independence League and publicity there. I was asked to take charge of the north part of the Vietnam, above 16' parallel, and Chatterjee was given the Southern part with Saigon as his headquarters. I reached Saigon towards the end of July, 1945, and within a week established contact with Dr Ho Chi Min and through his agency I sent two of my trusted men to Chungking.

War came to an end on 15th August. A special messenger from Netaji came to see me on 16th from Bangkok with a letter from him asking me to get ready to secure transport from the Japanese and to leave for Manchuria, and to meet him there. He suggested that although Soviet had declared war against the Japanese, it would be desirable to be arrested by the Soviet authorities in Manchuria because we could later negotiate with them and might persuade them to accept us as their friends and not enemies. This was the last time I heard from Netaji.

On 18th August 1945, at about 5 pm major General Chatterjee, Col Gulzara Singh, Col Pratam Singh, Mr Thivy and Mr Abid Hassan arrived from Saigon and gave me the message that Netaji had left for the north. (Towards Manchuria) Being aware of the plan, I was already negotiating with the Japanese to take me to Tokyo. I thought of proceeding to Manchuria from Tokyo on my own. While the newcomers were sitting in my living room, radio announced of the air crash in Taihoku (Formosa) and of the death of Netaji.





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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

12 December, 2003

Ms. Yatimah Rimun
Arkib Negara Malaysia,
Jalan Duta,
50568, Kuala Lumpur
Fax: 6201 5679

Sub : Information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

We would like to draw your kind attention to your letter No. ANM.
27/1 Jld. 21 (33) dated 30 August 2003 on the above subject.

You have stated in your above-cited letter that any information
available on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose would be conveyed to the High
Commission of India in future. We would be grateful if you could inform us
of the latest position on the matter.

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V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

Copy to :

Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi : With reference to your DO letter No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X dated
12 November 2003.

with regards

V. Mahalingam

(V. Mahalingam)
First Secretary (PIE)

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

December 29, 2003

Dear

Please refer to your OM no. I/12014/3/2003-NCB, dated 3 December, 2003 and my letter of even number dated December 12, 20003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading English and local languages newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon, as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

2. Copies of newspaper clippings of the Notice that appeared in leading newspapers in **Singapore** have already been forwarded to you vide my aforementioned letter.

3. We have now received a response from our Mission in **Bangkok** as well. The Notice was published in two leading dailies in Thailand viz. the "**Bangkok Post**" (English) and the "**Matichon**" (Thai daily) on **November 28, 2003**. Copies of these newspaper clippings are also forwarded herewith for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

✓ Copy for information to :-

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087

Best wishes for the new year, *R. Ghanashyam*

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
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No. BAN/POL/103/6/03

Dated 24th December, 2003

From	Ms. Manju, First Secretary (Pol), Indembassy Bangkok. (Tel. No. 00-66 2 2584491 – Fax No. 2584627/2621740)
To	Ms. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Director(CNV) Foreign, New Delhi (Fax: 23792285)
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This Embassy has not received any response to the Notice.

With regards,

For imm. na pls.

(Manju)

First Secretary(Political)

SO (NGO)

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The materials in the possession of the Government of India which appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available in Bangkok to ensure the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission may visit Bangkok.

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The Embassy of India (Fax 02-2584627/E-mail: indemb@mozart.net.co.in) or the Commission, Room 10, Block 1/A Mega Green, Saket, New Delhi-110017, India.

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Malidhon Newspaper <Thai Daily>

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

December 04, 2003

Dear *Shri Rakesh*,

Please refer to correspondence regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), that is inquiring into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We are enclosing herewith for your information, a copy of a report that appeared in the Hindustan Times internet edition on November 27, 2003-containing disclosures made by the Chairman of JMCI on the status of various aspects of the inquiry.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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Bhagwanji-Netaji DNA test report by year-end: Panel

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The one-man commission, probing the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, will collect blood samples from two direct maternal descendants of Netaji within a week to ascertain whether they matched with the DNA of Bhagwanji, an ascetic who died in Faizabad in UP in 1985 and believed by many to be Subhas Chandra Bose.

Justice Manoj Kumar Mukherjee heading the single member commission told newsmen after a hearing that Nirupam Som, son of Netaji's elder sister's daughter and Tripti Nag, daughter of Netaji's sister late Sarala Dey agreed to provide the blood samples.

The commission would collect the blood samples latest by next week, he said, and the tests to ascertain links with Bhagwanji's (also known as Gumnam Baba) DNA material were expected to be completed by the year-end.

"Blood samples from the maternal side have more significance since the DNA from nuclear mitochondria is essential to ascertain the mother's x chromosome link," Justice Mukherjee said quoting genetic experts.

According to the status report, the remnants of sealed specimen of teeth of Gumnam Baba were taken back from CDFD, Hyderabad on completion of DNA finger-printing and handed over to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Kolkata for preservation and to obtain a second opinion.

Justice Mukherjee also said that the Government of India has put out notices in Singapore on the recommendation of the commission for interested persons to depose before it and a number of people were expected to do so.

The report of a second expert who compared the handwriting of Bhagwanji with that of Netaji, had been referred to a third one, Justice Mukherjee said, whose findings were still awaited.

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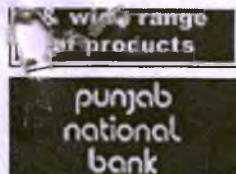


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Justice Mukherjee said the National Archives of the British government had also informed the commission that certain documents in its possession could be of interest to the commission.

"Accordingly, we have asked for photocopies of two of the letters in the British archives that have been recently declassified and could provide some direction to the probe," he said. He also said it was proving difficult to get documents or to get witnesses from Taiwan, since India did not recognise it and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in New Delhi, representing it, had refused to assist the commission.

"The commission has no other alternative but to directly approach authorities in Taipei to procure relevant documents, get information about relevant places in Taiwan and the whereabouts of relevant witnesses," he added.

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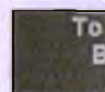
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